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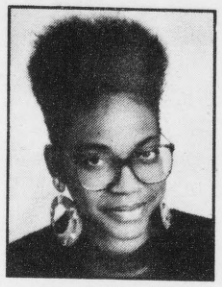
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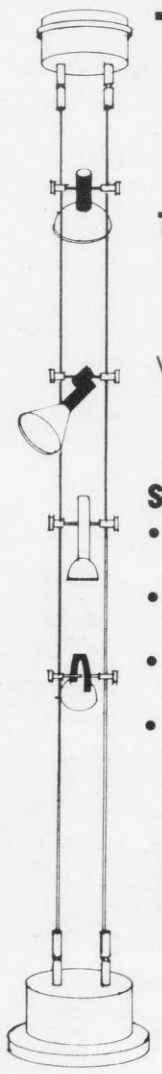

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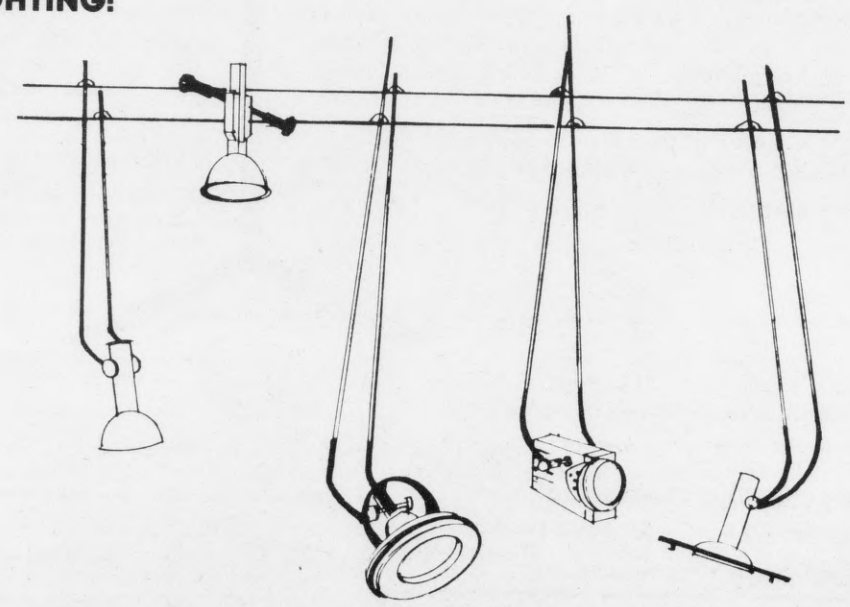

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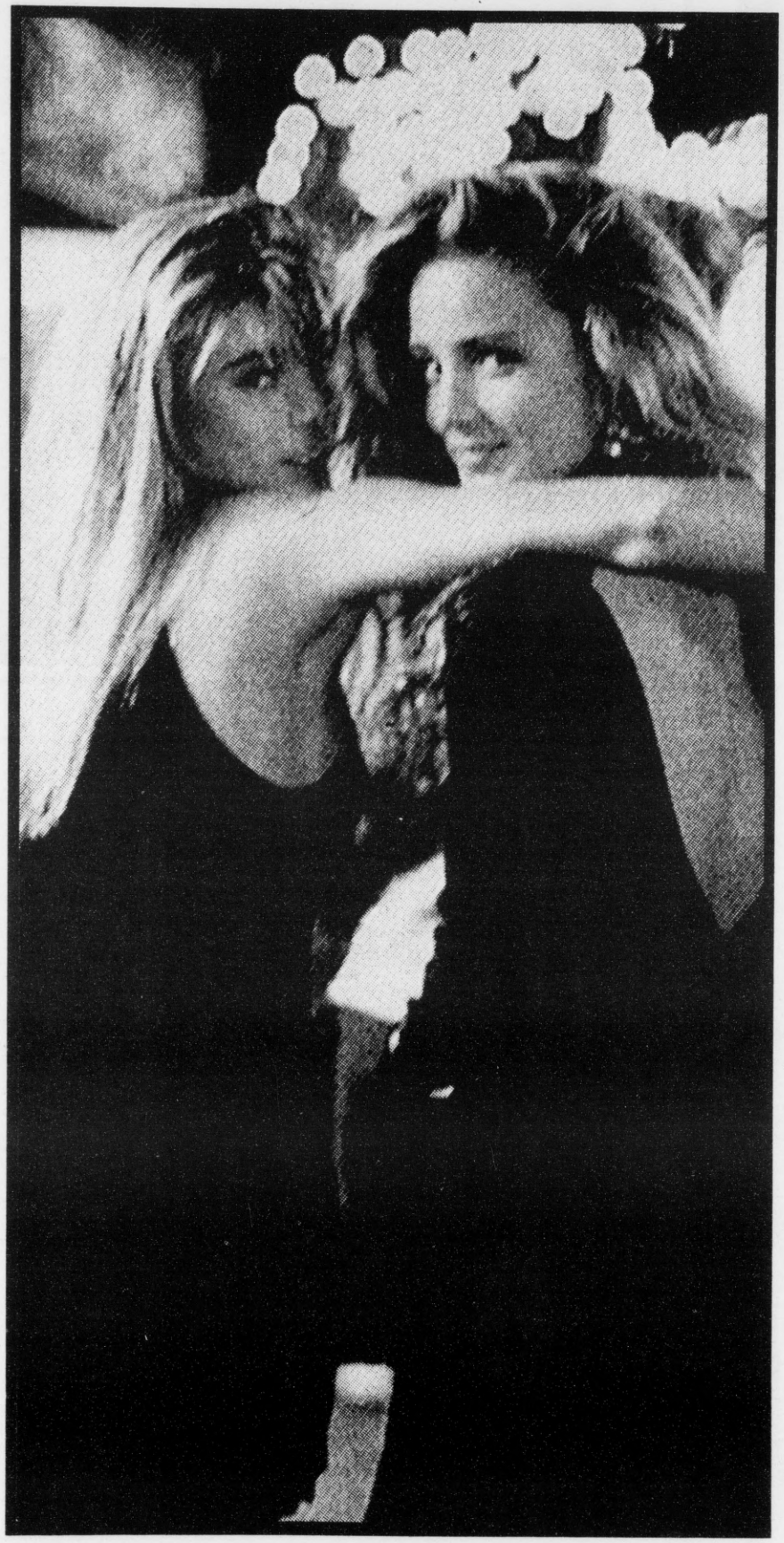

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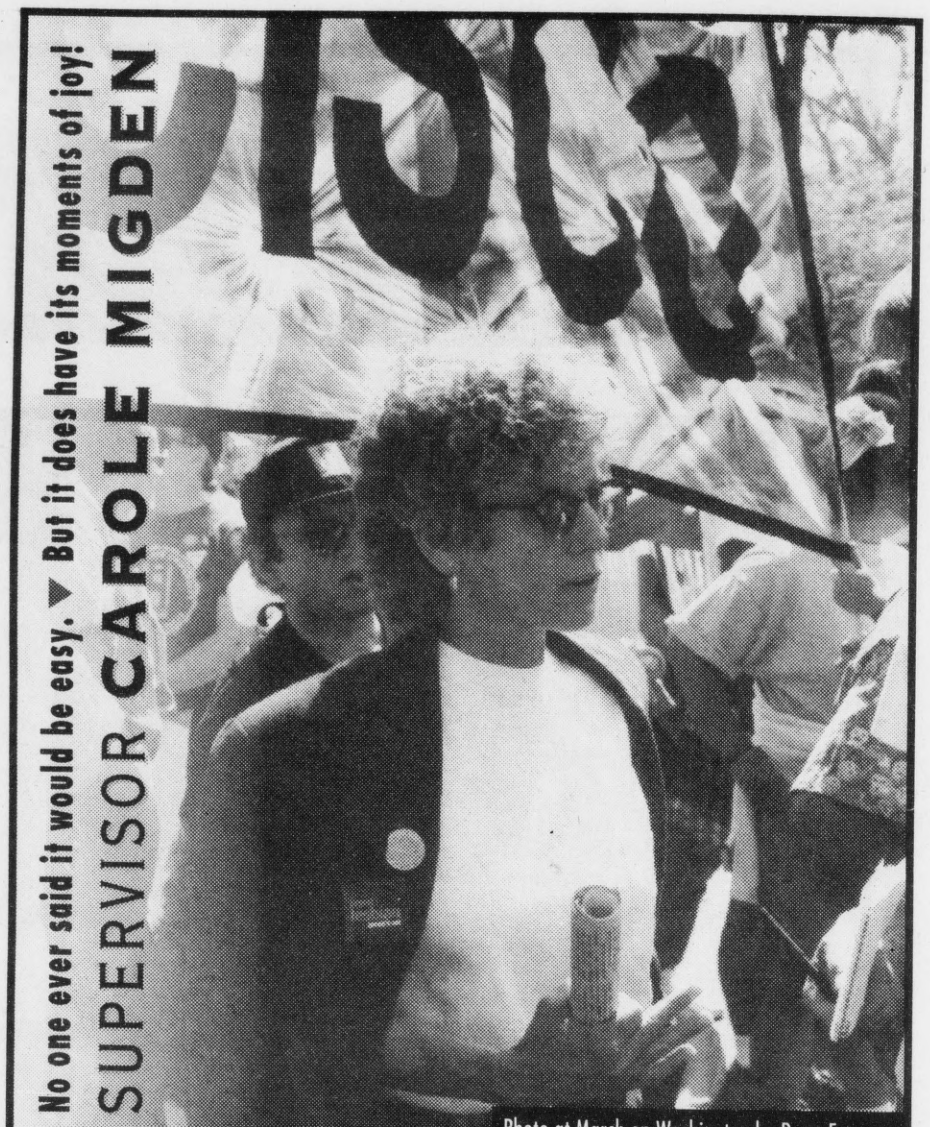

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Building a Future Together

Nancy Pelosi

Member of Congress

(letters)

Gay for a Day

In honor of National Gay Pride Month (June) and Gay Pride Week in San Francisco (June 20 through June 27), I invite all heterosexuals who love and support their gay friends to participate in celebrating Gay for a Day 1993.

Here is how it works: (1) Purchase a button which says "Gay & Proud." (2) Choose one day during Gay Pride Week and wear the button all day. (3) Watch the chaos/fun ensue. (Sex is optional, of course, never a requirement.)

That's all there is to it. Wear the button to work, at play, to church, to school, at home. If you feel especially lively, you might even want to organize a "gay" event. Dinner parties are always popular—invite a few of your best friends who might also want to be "Gay for a Day." After dinner there will be laughs galore as you each share your own "coming out" stories.

Wouldn't it be neat if just for one day *everybody* was gay. Maybe then people would stop making such a fuss.

Elaine Manuele
Berkeley

No To Exhibitionists

It is not a pride day for me—it is a day of embarrassment. You don't see decent heterosexuals kissing or taking off their clothes in front of everybody. Only trash do things like that.

I am a very proud woman. I have accomplished a lot in this life: I have a career; I own income property; I have a good-looking girlfriend.

When we see a gay couple on the streets holding hands, we look at each other and we smile because holding hands is a show of love and affection. But when we see (on TV—we don't go to the parade) gays taking off their clothes, we both get angry. These lousy people need therapists. They are nothing but exhibitionists!

My ideal parade would be to show people that I am an intelligent human being; I don't do drugs; I don't smoke; I have never been in trouble with the law. I'd like people to look up to me, not to look down on me. Unfortunately only the negative—from my point of view and the point of view of 75 to 85 percent of the gays and lesbians I know—part of the parade is shown on TV.

I hate them. I am so angry. Because of this minority most straight people think we have no morals or principles.

These clowns should be locked up. There is no need to misbehave in public. What kind of respect are we going to get if the media shows us tongue-kissing and more in public?

Very Angry Lesbian
Oakland

Courageously Queer Roots

The members of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration showed great courage in adopting the unpopular "Year of the Queer" theme. While negatively controversial to some, many of us feel that "Year of the Queer" takes us back to the roots of our movement for liberation and social change. The theme helps us rediscover why we began marching in the first place: To give all queers the opportunity to proudly, defiantly and unapologetically stand up and be visible. To march along with our sisters and brothers without fear through the streets which we occupy, own and have a right to travel openly and safely.

Most of the criticism of the theme seems to decry the use of the word "queer." These critics see use of the word as an incursion on their right to comfortably assimilate into straight-dominated society. Gays who have assimilated into mainstream culture are appalled at queers who are not ashamed of or don't hide their "behavior." Queers, they say, cause divisiveness with straight people who will only be our friends if we look and act like them. Are we to believe that it is queer people who are responsible for homophobia? Are we to accept the argument that if we would only stop "flaunting" our differences (meaning our sexuality, of course) more straights would come to accept us? Maybe if we molded ourselves in their image we could win them as friends?

These views are indicative of the many problems assimilated homosexuals have with the new heightened visibility and sense of pride that radical queer activism and visibility has engendered. They fear that this heightened visibility will cause new enemies to emerge. They are concerned over the image that certain behavior conveys.

Our movement has always been engaged in a power struggle between those who isolate their sexuality from the rest of their being and would fade politely into the background and those of us who embrace our sexuality and display it openly, celebrating it as an integral part of our lives. Thankfully, institutions like the parade committee are realizing that the path to empowerment is not apologizing for our differences, but asserting them and demanding respect and consideration as is our right simply because we exist.

It is high time everyone in our community asked her or himself this question: Is it really we who have the image problem? Or is it straight people who have a problem with our image? Think about it. Everyone should ask themselves if their self-perception is defined by the dominant and myopic homophobic culture or by their own sense of who and what they are in all their beautiful, fascinating and unique difference? Who and what is the real you? When will you stand up proudly and defiantly announce that you have the right to occupy space in this world as the real you? When will you reject the notion that you must be as others require you to be so they can feel good about who *they* are?

Our community must come to understand that the progress of any oppressed minority people has never been advanced in attempting to become the safe and comfortable image of what the dominant culture would like it to be. Assimilation has always led to cultural obliteration. In the case of queer culture, assimilation negates that which makes our culture great, contributing much of what is fine and beautiful to this world. When will we realize that assimilating means a return to invisibility and the closet? When will we realize that assimilating also means marginalizing those of us who do not have the luxury of being able to (or even care to) "pass" in the straight world? We must not participate in building another closet to replace the one which so many years, so many lives and so much energy has gone into eliminating.

Let us all gather behind the parade banner this year and proudly proclaim our right to be different—to be queer, if you will. To stand out and stand up for our rights and our lives. In this 1993 "Year of the Queer," let each and every one of us be counted.

Allen Carson
San Francisco

Rhymes With "Here"

I am not now and never have been a "queer." The current debate over whether to use such an embarrassingly negative word to describe millions of people should not even be happening!

Since everything we do, feel and say is defined by a dictionary, we are poised to call ourselves the worst that we can be. We are not "taking back the word," all we are doing is suddenly agreeing with everyone else: Yes, you're right, we *are* queer.

There are a lot of things that bother me about using this divisive word, and the biggest one is scoring a victory for Jesse Helms and his bigoted supporters. Years ago I heard either Helms or one of his cronies say, "These gays should give us back the word 'gay,' it's a perfectly good word." When asked what we should be called, he said, "How about 'queers,' because that's what they are."

The other major flaw in using this word (aside from the discomfort and bickering it's causing in our community) is this: a person at your workplace can use the word to harass a homosexual, and never be punished. The argument that this is what gay people now wish to be called will be backed up easily by our parade theme.

Many people have been comparing the use of the word "queer" to the use of the word "nigger" by Blacks. Recently I worked in the ghetto for three years. In all that time I must have heard the word "nigger" used only about 50 times, and it was always by the loudest, most ill-mannered, mostly male customers who used it as a slam against someone. I'd also met lawyers, doctors, business owners, professionals, housewives, fathers and people from all walks of life. I never heard that word used by any of them, and most of them would look in disgust if someone were saying it.

There's nothing wrong with the word "gay," and why not just call it "Our Year"? We know who we are.

If it's been ten or more years since "nigger" has been used, and it hasn't been "taken back" by the African-American community, can anyone really expect to force the word "queer" down our throats?

One night I finally saw "The Rush Limbaugh Show" and, as expected, he was bashing Blacks and lesbians. He showed a photo of lesbians at a protest and told the audience that the women were shouting, "We're here. We're queer...." The audience howled with laughter at the word "queer"—so demeaning. If the word "gay" were used, I'm sure the laughter would have been kept to a few chuckles.

But then "gay" doesn't rhyme with "here" and "year."

Greg Hayes
Alameda

Thanks, Jesse

The following letter was sent to Sen. Jesse Helms (D-N.C.):

Many, many thanks to you for the role you are playing in helping to publicize this year's Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco. Like you, I am very much interested in making sure everyone in America sees what goes on at our parade and in our everyday lives. It is only by showing the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, that justice will eventually be served.

If you have any further ideas on how to bring our messages of love, commitment, dignity, integrity and nonjudgmental acceptance to the American people, please don't hesitate to write or call.

Kenneth J. "Kenny" Altman
San Francisco

Naming Anti-Semitism

When I read that Jesse Helms referred to Roberta Achtenberg as a "mean lesbian," I knew homophobia was continuing to haunt the halls of Congress.

However, when he later described Achtenberg as "pushy" and "demanding," I was reminded that anti-Semitism is alive and thriving in our nation's capital. "Pushy" is one of those thinly veiled code words frequently used by Jew-haters, and I know an anti-Semitic rat when I smell one.

Achtenberg may have been *overtly* attacked by the right-wing for being an out lesbian, but *covert* anti-Semitism has clearly played a role in the attacks on her. The queer Jewish community and our allies should be naming and opposing this insidious behavior.

Karen L. Erlichman
San Francisco

Fashion Fiascos?

Why is it that so many gay men take pride in their appearances, while so many lesbians are fashion fiascos?

Furthermore, if Bubba Clinton can drop $200 for a Hollywood haircut, why does our best-known lesbian politician, Roberta Achtenberg, persist in flaunting that dowdy cereal-bowl hairstyle that makes her look like the Fourth Stooge? How embarrassing.

Come on, Roberta. Now that you've got the high-paying job of your choice, get some style, girl.

Name withheld
Oakland

Internalized Homophobia

One of the things that makes the *SF Bay Times* such a great gay and lesbian newspaper is its willingness to discuss controversial issues. I have one more I'd like to add to the discussion. I say this issue is controversial because I think there's a lot of denial about its existence, much less its prevalence. My purpose is to open a community discussion, a forum about something I see as a problem among ourselves, namely internalized homophobia. (Since I am a lesbian, I'll speak of my experiences with other women.)

For starters, of course, there's the Closet Queers, who hide their gayness from their family, friends, sometimes even themselves. They may disparage those of us who are more "blatant." (Conversely, one need only see recent issues of *SF Bay Times* for examples of the counterpart—butch berating femme!)

But even among the "Gay and Proud" crowd, there are many ways that we deny our selves and invalidate others. Several times I've been at gay gatherings, expressed my attraction to a woman I liked, or just a simple desire to spend time with her, and the response was a kind of cool withdrawl, a fearful distancing from me. It feels lousy to be on the receiving end of that! I think many of us have a lot to learn about managing unrequited attractions in a way that leaves both parties feeling OK afterward.

I've met more than a couple of lesbians who, as lovers, were remarkably lackluster, confusing "gentleness" with a fear of lesbian passion.

Our relationships are more fragile than the finest glassware. All too often lovers break up and cause one another or both women enormous hurt. We refuse to resolve our "unfinished business," which

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THE YEAR OF THE QUEER.

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The Parade. The Parade! The sun. The fun. The bodies. The beer. The Name—is it Gay, or Lesbian, or Bi, or Queer? Does it really matter? And don't forget the damn thing is going backwards this year!

The Parade takes place on Sunday, June 27—the 24th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City. It is a parade of honor, a parade of Pride. Show up.

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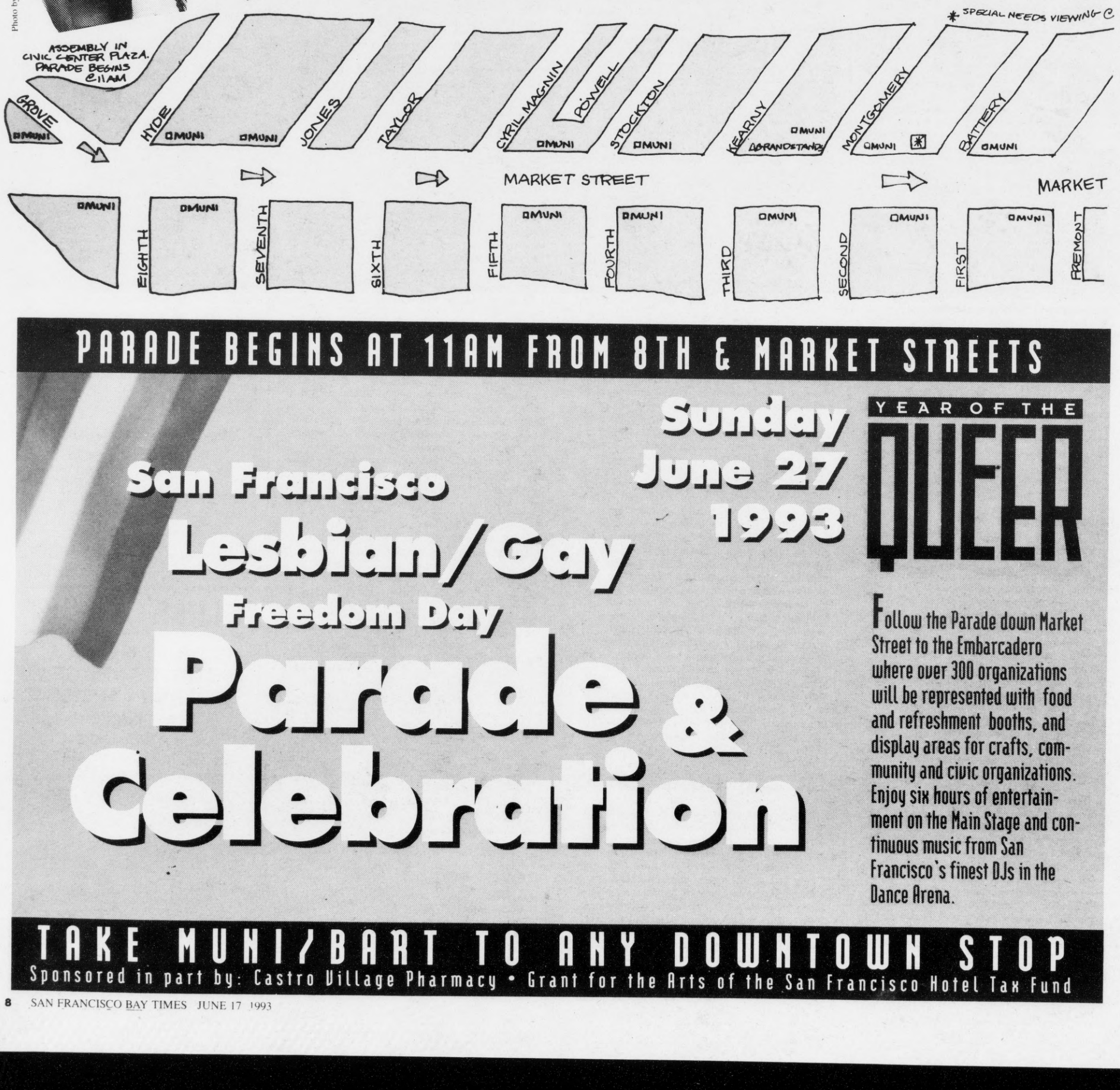

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speeches and festivities that will begin at noon, as soon as the march hits the Embarcadero. And for your own sake, don't try to drive; there will be no parking—anywhere. Take BART—they will be adding extra cars to the trains. Take Muni—for now, it's still only a buck.

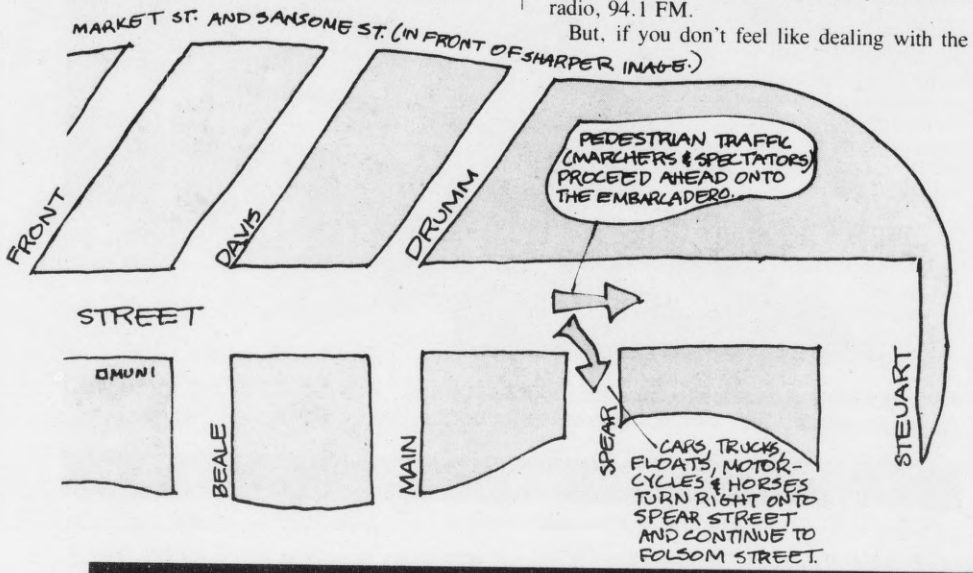
As is traditional, the Parade of Perversity will be led by the half-naked, leather-clad, unladylike women's motorcycle contingent, a.k.a. "Dykes on Bikes." (The previous description is brought to you a la Jesse Helms.) The march will go EAST—that's toward the BAY—on Market, so don't go to the Castro and think 300 people turned out for the parade. The fun and games at the Embarcadero start at noon and go on to 6 pm. And this year everything happens on one big stage at the Embarcadero, not half a dozen little stages scattered all over Civic Center.

The first featured speaker will be our very own Roberta Achtenberg—now at Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. (for those of you who haven't cracked a newspaper in the last six months). The other featured speaker is Bob Hattoy, the gay man who for the time being is still working in the Clinton White House. Whether or not he is working there by the time the Parade kicks off rather depends on what Clinton does, and whether or not Hattoy decides to say anything about it.

The Grand Marshals of the parade are School Board member Angie Fa; Marlon Riggs, the gay Black filmmaker who so incensed Sen. Jesse Helms; and the Bay Area's own gay military poster child, Keith Meinhold. Hiding behind Meinhold during the actual Parade will be Mayor Frank Jordan. Thus, if you are ripening tomatoes for the Mayor, you had better make damn sure your throwing arm is good and your aim is accurate. It is unclear at this point if Sandra Bernhard will actually appear as a grand marshal or not. (Prior to the Parade the Mayor will be holding a reception for the grand marshals and featured speakers at City Hall. Right now the time of the reception is unknown.)

If you don't make it to the main stage in time to hear the speeches, you can always bring along your handy-dandy walkthing and take in the live coverage that will be running all day on KPFA radio, 94.1 FM.

But, if you don't feel like dealing with the politics or all that, you can always sashay up to the grandstands at UN Plaza, purchase your $25 ticket and survey the scene far above the madding crowd. Then you can make your way down to the Embarcadero, where Parade Co-Chair Gggggreg Taylor says a "truly fierce" line-up awaits you.



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The main stage entertainment will be at the grassy knoll in Justin Herman Plaza, starting at noon. The exhaustive line-up includes Enrique, Pansy Division, Connie Champagne with Justin Bond, Pat Wilder, Elvis Herselvis with Pasty Cline and the Memphis G-spots, Angel Corpus Christy and Holly Near (probably singing "We Are a Gentle, Angry People"). The final hour of entertainment, between 5 and 6 pm will be provided by Olivia Records, with a special guest appearance by Cris Williamson ("Filling Up and Spilling Over.")

When you get down to the intersection of Howard Street and the Embarcadero you will find a huge disco area playing "Today's Hottest Techno-Rave" music. Two monster sound systems will be rupturing eardrums, and an outdoor liquor bar will be available to fry brain cells. And for all you jaw grinders out there who will be attending that portion of the event, the disco area is conveniently located near the beverage and food booths—not that you'll be all that hungry. But please drink some water.

If that is not enough, Pleasuredome will be sponsoring a huge outdoor disco on Townsend Street between 2nd and 3rd streets. That dance will be directly outside the Pleasuredome club, starting at 3 pm. (For tix to any of the dance events call 415-974-1156.)

When the dancing gets tired, there are hundreds of booths featuring food, drinks and crafts to choose from. They will be running the length of the Embarcadero from Broadway to Mission Street. While you are wandering, the Parade organizers request that you donate five bucks—100 percent of which will allegedly be going to several community and AIDS organizations.

If you have special needs, the Special Needs Subcommittee can be reached at 864-FREE. The special needs office will be at Sansome and Market on Gay Day, outside the Sharper Image store. The parade committee is providing an unobstructed viewing area for people with AIDS, ARC or other chronic illnesses. Such seating is also available for the disabled, the visually impaired, hearing impaired, elderly or pregnant.

The viewing area is NOT located near the grandstands, as in past years. The viewing area will be located near the main stage, with entrances on the Drumm Street and Washington Street sides of the main stage. Space is limited, and on a first come, first served basis. There will be wheelchair accessible porta-potties. (No smoking, no scents or alcohol.)

Professional childcare will be available from 10 am until 6 pm; a $3 donation is requested. Food and activities will be suitable for children up to 10 years old. Again, space is limited and on a first come, first served basis. Oh—please bring ID. NO children will be released to adults without proper ID.

Finally, if you are wondering where your group or contingent is meeting, there will be "huge" maps around the assembly area on June 27. The Parade office begs you, please look at the maps on the day, and don't call the office. Their lines are already swamped. And, if you are feeling altruistic, please call the Parade office, they still desperately need volunteers—besides, you get a free T-shirt—call 864-FREE.

—Tim Kingston

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news feature

9th Int'l AIDS Conference, Berlin: Depressing, Dismal And Disorganized

by Tim Kingston

The polka band was an ill omen. Dressed a la Las Vegas, they starred at the opening reception of the 9th International AIDS Conference in Berlin, June 6-11. In fact, as the only entertainment on hand, they offered excruciating renditions of ABBA songs—we're not talking "Polkacide" thrash-polka here—as conference attendees quaffed the free beer and bratwurst. Thus, it became quickly apparent that Berlin in 1993 was to be very different from Amsterdam in 1992.

Unfortunately, the out-of-touch sensibility that put a polka band at the reception was to be repeated throughout the conference. Almost from the start, the buzz among delegates targeted conference organizers for combining astounding incompetence with amazing insensitivity, and less-than-encouraging scientific data.

In 1992, Jonathan Mann, chair of the Amsterdam AIDS conference, stressed the importance of including people living with HIV and AIDS. This year PWA/HIVs did not fare so well. Over 1,000 PWA/HIVs arrived on June 6 to find that the PWA lounge had a grand total of 56 seats. Don De Gagne and Cindy Robins of the Global Network of People living with HIV (GNP+), which co-sponsored this year's conference, successfully forced the organizers to find more space for PWA/HIVs at the center when they threatened to shut down the entire conference in coalition with the International Community of Women Living with AIDS.

The PWA lounge incident indicated that the sensitivity of the organizers to the needs of PWA/HIVs was limited, at best. Professor Karl-Otto Habermehl, chair and president of the conference, told De Gagne that GNP+'s co-sponsorship of the event "meant nothing," adding, "but that is better than you have ever had before."

On the last day of the conference, Prof. Habermehl further endeared himself to PWAs when he referred to a complaint about the smoke-filled conference rooms as "bloody silly." He then concluded his reign by acknowledging "all the very strange people" he had met while acting as conference chair!

The irony is that one of the most stirring speeches of the conference came from an ACT UP/NY member, long-term survivor and probably one of those "very strange people," Aldyn McKean. He was a last-minute addition to the opening session. McKean received a standing ovation when he congratulated the conference organizers and AIDS researchers for finally looking at long-term survivors. He also offered a company-by-company indictment of the pharmaceutical industry— singling out Astra, Hoffman LaRoche, Daiichi and Burroughs Wellcome for their high prices and/or intransigence in making data or drugs available to PWA/HIVs—to rousing applause. But, by the end of the conference, McKean's words were all but forgotten in the general dissatisfaction.

One fed-up and angry Jewish queer—who asked to remain anonymous—let fly with the rhetoric, asking, "Why is it that the Germans can violate six million of my people, but they can't organize an AIDS conference?" The equally venomous and frustrated reply from another delegate was: "Well, you gotta have the motivation."

A CONFERENCE SANS SOUL

Never has the *SF Bay Times* heard so much grumbling from delegates, doctors, researchers and other reporters about poor organization and bad planning at an AIDS conference. They complained about the layout, the building, the scheduling. They groused that poster sessions were scattered all over the building and that press conferences were scheduled in the middle of important workshops. To top it off, and indubitably exacerbating the entire situation, there was little new data presented at meetings and workshops.

Dr. Shanin Gharakhanian was irritated that several intensive workshops were scheduled back to back: "The antiretroviral session, anti-CMV and KS sessions were all in one afternoon." Delegates stumbled out of four straight hours of antiviral sessions with blurred vision and headaches.

Michael Clatts, a medical anthropologist from New York, complained, "I found the conference to be uncritical and self promotional. This is my fifth AIDS conference, and people are talking about models they talked about five years ago. I am sorry I came."

Several community physicians said the conference results were confusing, at best, and downright depressing at worst. Rarely has the science of combating HIV via antiretrovirals looked so uniformly disappointing in the short term. Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV are advancing, hand-in-hand, worldwide. And despite the hype, neither preventative nor therapeutic vaccines are moving very quickly.

The only clear-cut advances presented at the conference were in the fields of HIV prevention, women's HIV issues and direct prevention among injection drugs users (IDUs). Specifically, there were optimistic reports on needle exchange—with exchange programs being directly credited with forestalling IDU HIV epidemics in four medium-sized cities in the U.S., Australia and Europe. There was finally some hard data on women and HIV, and a growing awareness among large organizations about the need for specific targeting of HIV prevention programs at the groups most affected.

FADING ANTIRETROVIRAL PROMISE

Last year in Amsterdam, activists and delegates

Protests outside and confusion inside the Berlin Int'l Conference center: ACT UP acts up around Berlin; meanwhile a little identification problem for Dr. Don Abrams: Nice dreads, Don. Photos by Rick Gerharter

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talked about the HIV research and treatment train finally leaving the station. This year, that train got shunted onto a siding and promptly derailed. "Our standard of care has fallen apart," declared New York Treatment Action Group (TAG) member Mark Harrington.

Harrington's distress is well founded. Combination therapy appears to be less promising than it once did—in particular Dr. Margaret Fischl's study involving AZT and ddC, which showed little overall difference between combination and monotherapies. But that may just be a result of ddC being an ineffective drug. The tat gene inhibitor was a total wash-out. Even the good news for antiretrovirals was limited; the only ray of hope came from initial results on European proteinase inhibitor trials.

"There is no reliable basis for early intervention, and based on ACTG 155 AZT/ddC—there is no reliable basis for combination therapy," said Harrington. "The tat inhibitor is looking less promising, and therapeutic vaccines are looking less promising."

Lynda Dee, a member of AIDS Action Baltimore, could only describe the tat inhibitor results as "devastating." According to data presented at the conference, all three tat inhibitors showed a gradual increase in p24 levels, and a gradual decline in CD4 levels, indicating higher viral replication and a weakening immune system. Hoffman LaRoche indicated there will be higher dose trials, but after their researcher presented the tat-inhibitor results, he was shunned by delegates, indicating their lack of faith in its efficacy.

As if that were not enough bad news, a preliminary analysis of ACTG study 116B/117 appears to indicate that viral resistance to AZT is a statistically significant indication of more rapid disease progression, particularly among those in that trial infected with the more virulent Syncytia Inducing (SI) HIV strain. Victoria Johnson, of the University of Alabama, stressed those findings come from a *preliminary* analysis of a subset of ACTG 116B/117 participants.

In the midst of all of the grim news, East Bay physician Dr. Carole Brosgart, whose practice serves a large number of PWA/HIVs, sounded a more cautious note. "What Harrington said is very apt—what is our standard of care? But that is balanced by clinical experience—people have been living longer." Dr. Brosgart said that for many people antivirals have slowed progression to more serious disease, thus for individuals the clinical standard of care still stands and antivirals are still useful.

CONCORDOLOGY

Controversy still surrounds the European Concord study of early intervention with AZT. Concord has left many physicians and scientists dubious about the efficacy of early intervention AZT. But American critics of the Concord study cite their own clinical successes with early AZT intervention against Concord. The critics also charge that a large number of the participants in the study crossed over from one arm of the study to the other, weakening the overall validity and strength of the three-year trial. (See *SF Bay Times*, April 22, 1993, "The Concord AZT Trial: Does It Fly?")

On the other side of the fray, the Concord's principals are adamant that the study was large enough and went on for long enough to absorb any confounding effects caused by the crossovers.

In Berlin the majority of delegates accepted the study's judgment: that AZT is ineffective as an early intervention therapy. Many also accepted a sub-conclusion of Concord: that CD4 counts may be an unreliable indicator of drug efficacy—even if they are still useful for evaluating an individual's health status.

FISCHL'S FIREWORKS

Sparks flew when Dr. Margaret Fischl presented data on ACTG 155—a comparison of AZT and ddC monotherapy with AZT/ddC combination therapy. Fischl broke the data down into three subgroups (over 150 CD4, between 150 and 50 CD4, below 50 CD4) and concluded that AZT/ddC combination therapy proved effective for those with higher CD4 counts. But for those with below 50 CD4s, there was "no apparent benefit."

But David Barr of TAG asserted immediately after Dr. Fischl's presentation, before hundreds of scientists, "The answer to the trial you designed shows there is no difference overall [between combination and monotherapy]. This stuff does not work very well," said Barr. "Let's be honest about what the data shows." TAG asserts Dr.

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PROJECT INFORM TOWN MEETING

REPORT FROM THE IXTH INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

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Fischl had carefully avoided answering the basic question of the trial, in favor of presenting the most positive data possible.

But another biostatistician, John Hannigan from Foster City, asked by *SF Bay Times* for his views on the dispute, said what Dr. Fischl did was probably legitimate. But he added, "They did not meet the strongest criteria. They met the second strongest."

Others found the broken down data clinically useful—if somewhat disheartening. Dr. Geeta Gupta, a clinician in Orange County, Calif., said, prior to the Berlin AIDS conference, "I would have been uncomfortable about taking patients [with a CD4 count of less than 50] off [antiretrovirals]." Now, she says she will feel safe in taking patients off retrovirals if their individual health status necessitates it.

A GLIMMER OF ANTIVIRAL OPTIMISM

In among the gloom and doom, sparks of optimism could be found. Ben Cheng, soon to be with Project Inform, noted at least five or six poster presentations on antiviral proteinase inhibitors "that I have not seen before." Cheng added one of those drugs is already in phase I trials.

In the oral presentations, Dr. Andy Zysman, ACT UP/GG, said he saw the first data on three different proteinase inhibitors, and "all of it trended positive." In the 16-week Roche trials, proteinase inhibitors appeared to be non-toxic and readily absorbed in the body, but were also cleared rapidly from the body. They showed a four-week boost in CD4 levels after initial infusions that rapidly dropped off over the rest of the trial.

But, after seeing the slides during the Roche presentation, TAG's David Barr countered Zysman, sarcastically noting, "Oh great, it works just as good as AZT!" In other words, the therapy, so far, is not very effective at all.

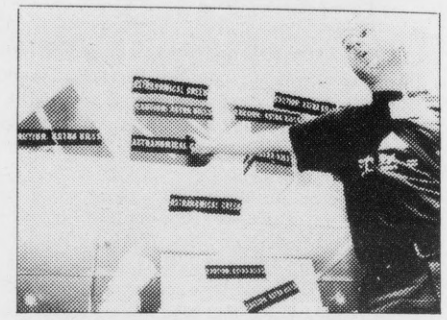
Not everyone thought the conference was a bust. Jesse Dobson of Project Inform (PI) declared the science was the best he had ever seen, and PI's Brenda Lein concurred. But she acknowledged her view contradicted that of many other delegates and activists, and explained, "Those who just went to the oral sessions were depressed. Those who went to posters and oral sessions were blown away."

SEMI-NEW DIRECTIONS

Perhaps the most significant news in the battle against AIDS was not in current or near-term treatments, but in new directions for research. For the first time, the heavy hitters in the AIDS research world openly talked about immuno-modulation and immune stimulus as major avenues for research.

What should also be noted is that this was the first conference to include major sessions on immune therapy and cytokines. "It is the first time research has started shifting into studying the overall immune system, not just antiretroviral drugs," enthused PI's Lein. That means AIDS researchers are finally moving into other fields of research. They are now looking at how the virus interacts with the body, rather than just concentrating on ways to eradicate HIV, which has not yet been that successful.

And that is where Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute came in—doing his normal grandstanding. But this time he offered some genuinely new material. "We must decrease the number of viron and increase the number of functional immune cells," said Dr. Gallo, proposing three new avenues of anti-HIV research and action.



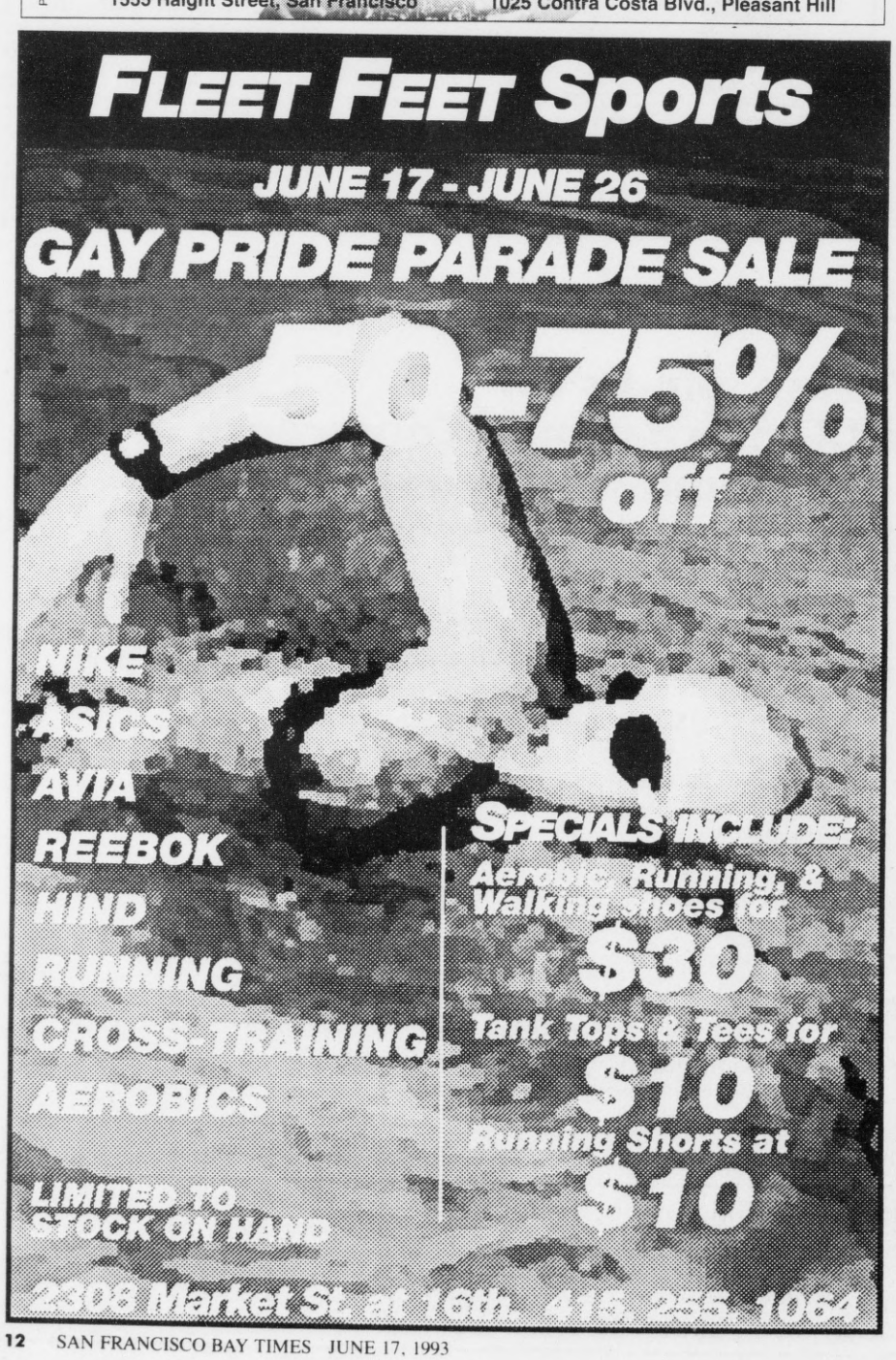
Kevin Frost denounces ASTRA during ACT Up action at the Berlin AIDS conference. Photo by Rick Gerharter

Dr. Gallo was most enthusiastic about research on antisense oligonucleotides that prevent viral replication, which is at an advanced stage. They gum up the process that transforms viral RNA into viral DNA—it is rather like inserting a wad of chewing gum into a zipper. Antisense does not eradicate the virus—it merely prevents HIV from replicating.

In his most unorthodox—and least well received—offering, Dr. Gallo proposed that the Human Herpes Virus 7 (HHV7) latches onto the same CD4 receptors as HIV. He seemed to suggest that infecting individuals with HHV7 could be a strategy to prevent infection.

Finally, Dr. Gallo proposed interfering with the virus by interfering with certain cellular enzymes in the immune system, which the virus needs in order to replicate. In this case, Dr. Gallo suggested that hydroxyurea, an approved and relatively inexpensive drug, be used to reduce the level of certain cellular enzymes below what is needed for viral replication, without reducing those levels enough to create human toxicity. That led Martin Delaney of Project Inform to predict people would be trying out hydroxyurea even before the delegates all made it home from Berlin.

"What I hope to see coming out of the conference is immune based therapies," said Dr. David



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THE SHADOW OF TB AND HIV: A TWIN SCOURGE

While the developed world's researchers and physicians scramble with antivirals and antisense, the underdeveloped world—where aspirins are given for HIV and HIV/TB epidemics are exploding—is dealing with more basic issues.

Iris Long of ACT UP/NY said, while "we are doing fancy treatments, the rest of the world gets nothing. There is not one drug for the developing world. They can't even get AZT. There need to be alternative treatments for the Third World."

Just to put things in perspective, over one third of the world's population is infected with TB, and there are eight million new cases every year, with three million deaths a year from TB. By the end of the decade, Dr. Kevin de Cock of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine predicted 10 percent of worldwide TB deaths will be attributable to HIV. "I fear history will judge us harshly, because TB was preventable," he said.

Not only is the TB caseload related to HIV growing, but the form TB takes is more virulent. This is particularly true in Africa. A significant portion of TB mortality in the underdeveloped world comes from disseminated and extrapulmonary TB, which is more difficult to detect and treat because of HIV—traditional TB reaction tests often don't work, because the immune system is so damaged.

As if that were not enough, the biological impact of HIV on TB makes active infection more likely. Because HIV weakens the immune system, old TB infections can be reactivated. People with HIV and AIDS are more susceptible to TB infection, and once infected they are more likely to suffer a more virulent disease process. Then, of course, there is multiple drug resistant TB (MDR TB), a form of TB that New York is well aware of, and San Francisco should be nervous about.

In New York the rate of MDR TB is estimated at about 20 percent of all TB cases, with almost 30 percent of those infected being resistant to INH (Isoniazid) which used to be the standard of care for TB treatment. But now, in New York a four-drug regime to combat TB is standard practice, with up to five and six drugs often being used in combination. (And some of these other drugs are not cheap.) In fact, the National Advisory Council for the Elimination of TB is now recommending a *minimum* four-drug treatment regime throughout the United States for TB.

A word of warning for San Francisco, especially in light of Mayor Frank (Krueger) Jordan's decision to gut the health service: "There is a strong suspicion in New York that the de-funding of the public health system resulted in the new TB epidemic," said Dr. David Rose, of Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York. He said the New York TB epidemic "is clearly a combination of the AIDS epidemic, cutbacks, poverty and homelessness. The three are clearly intertwined."

REAL DATA ON WOMEN AND HIV: "ABOUT BLOODY TIME"

At last year's AIDS conference, the data on AIDS and women was mainly generic and historical. This year it is controlled and current. Twelve years into the epidemic, the first controlled studies on the relationship between HIV and pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), and between HIV and cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN)—a precursor to cervical cancer—are finally coming in.

Chair of one of the Women and HIV sessions, Dr. Constance Wofsy of SF General Hospital said, "This represents the beginning of prospective controlled studies... with controlled data we can move to greater reliance [on the data] and the creation of guidelines" for care. But Tonisa Clardy, director of TREAT, an AIDS advocacy and information group in New Mexico, pointed out that such studies still concentrate on women's reproductive systems—pregnancy, pre- and post-natal infection of infants and PID and CIN—i.e., women as child bearers. Clardy said, "The basic science on women has not been done yet."

In a study of 400 women with PID in two New York Hospitals, between 7 and 10 percent were HIV infected. That is significantly higher than the rate of HIV in the general population of women. The women infected with both HIV and PID also tended to have more serious complications, including inflammation and abscesses. The good news is that the women with PID, who were also infected with HIV, responded well to conventional therapies.

Unfortunately, that was not the case with CIN, where conventional treatments were not as successful. One study showed women who were HIV-positive were five times more likely to to suffer from CIN caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). (HPV is also often the culprit in cervical cancer.) And similar to TB, HIV infection can also lead to a reactivation of HPV infection in women who had a latent and controlled HPV infections, prior to being infected.

Due to recent controlled studies, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also unveiled recommendations that women with HIV have at least one pap smear a year. And, if the results are abnormal, one every three months. However, when pressed about who would pay for those extra pap smears, the CDC representative begged off, saying, "I am just an epidemiologist, I don't make policy." That CDC decision is important, because it contradicts uncontrolled studies last year in Amsterdam that indicated pap smears were not a useful diagnostic tool in HIV-positive women.

Finally, and for the first time ever at an AIDS conference, three separate plenary speakers called for the development of a vaginal microbiocide cream. Ideally, such a development would put HIV prevention in the hands of women, rather than their being at the mercy of straight men's good will regarding the use of condoms. Somebody seems to have "got it," at least partially.

But Penelope Hitchcock, director of NIAID's sexually transmitted disease (STD) branch, says

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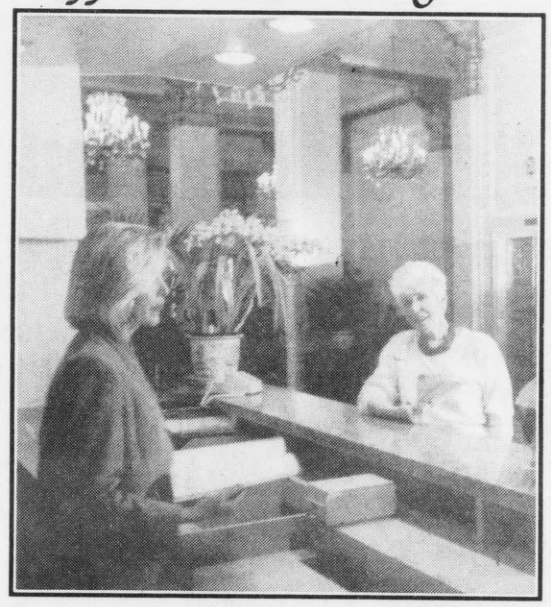

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that product is at least four years away from introduction. She explains part of the reason for the delay is that such a microbiocide will have to be odorless, tasteless and colorless. In addition, it would ideally also work against HPV and herpes as well as HIV, says Hitchcock, who points out that at present "more women are dying from PID and cervical cancer... than AIDS."

MEDIA HEADLINES: PREVENTION IS IMPORTANT, AND....

While a major story in the mainstream media seemed to be that prevention is critical—because an immediate cure is unlikely—many activists and public health officials in Berlin found that deduction to be of almost prehistoric self-evidence. What *was* new about the Berlin conference in the prevention sphere is that prevention comes in many guises, and sexuality comes in many forms.

In the underdeveloped world, one point driven home over and over again is that STD control plays a critical role in preventing HIV. The problem is, for too long, STD control has been the stepchild of public health programs all over the world. But now, according to speakers at the Berlin conference, it is becoming clear that STD control can control HIV infection in two ways. First, if STD treatment can clear up or, better yet, prevent STDs, then HIV is less likely to be transmitted, because there will be fewer genital sores or lesions through which infected cells may be passed. Second, STD and health education offers a direct avenue for primary HIV prevention and education. In addition, public health officials are finally moving toward gradualist HIV prevention. Rather than using all-or-nothing condom education approaches, there is a multifaceted effort to incrementally reduce the spread of HIV.

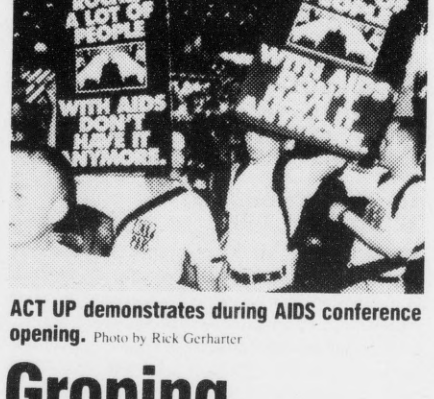
But the obstacles to HIV prevention are also greater than "simple" patriarchal resistance to condoms. Mary Bassett, of the University of Harare in Zimbabwe, also pointed out there are structural reasons for the rapid spread of HIV. In Zimbabwe, colonialism ripped apart society and enforced migrant labor, which led to large numbers of single men and women in urban areas having unprotected sex. More recently, Zimbabwe has suffered under an IMF/World bank edict requiring cuts in social expenditure including education and health services, which will also increase HIV infection. If education is cut fewer young women and men will be exposed to HIV prevention.

In the developed world, morality and politics are an equally egregious factor. Dr. Anke Ehrhardt of Columbia University in New York contrasted uninhibited European sex and HIV education programs with American ones stressing abstinence—guess which continent has the lower rate of teen-age pregnancies resulting from unprotected heterosexual intercourse. Yes, Europe. Most striking was the contrast in slide presentations. European health campaigns range from the hot to the silly. Dr. Ehrhardt then showed an "America Responds to AIDS" poster, that showed a teen-age girl sitting in a chair with her legs crossed.

But before anyone starts getting high and mighty about poorly targeted HIV education based on moralism which ignores sexuality—and gays and lesbians—there are other forms of invisibility. Remember bisexuality? One New Jersey study showed that 60 percent of bisexual women are likely to have unprotected anal sex, vs. 20 percent of straight women. They are also more likely to be HIV infected.

Western notions of sexuality in HIV education programs, including campaigns directed at gays, lesbians and bisexuals can be equally misguided. According to Shiv Khan, of The Naz Project in London, "South Asian men have not evolved an identity. We have a behavior" but not an identity based on sexuality. He says, "We don't have any homosexuals, bisexuals or lesbians. Those are Western terms."

That gap between south and north, developed and underdeveloped worlds gives every indication of widening. AIDS activists from the North are talking about boycotting the upcoming AIDS conference in Japan due to travel restrictions on PWAs and drug users. "It is essential to have the conference in Asia; that is where the epidemic is [growing] most rapidly," says Khan. "The Americans want first class travel, but the issue for us is do we have food in our mouth." ✿



ACT UP demonstrates during AIDS conference opening. Photo by Rick Gerharter

Groping Toward a New Understanding

by Dave Gilden

Thursday, June 11, will surely be a day that goes down in the annals of scientific history. In a four-and-a-half hour afternoon segment of the Berlin AIDS Conference, one presentation after another discredited all the newer treatment strategies for HIV infection.

Most dramatic of all was the report of Harvard University's Dr. Yung-Kang Chow, who has received much attention for his laboratory experiments with "convergent therapy." Chow reported at last year's conference that in the test tube, a "convergent" combination of three drugs that weaken HIV's ability to infect new cells seemed to wipe out the virus in cell cultures. Chow's speech in Berlin practically repudiated these results. "It is not clear how convergent therapy works in the body," Chow said. "Convergent therapy can't cure HIV, just inhibit its spread." He added that the HIV virus may develop a resistance to any combination of drugs.

So much for the most discussed therapeutic concept of the year. Another favorite, the "tat inhibitor," which is supposed to cancel the effects of HIV's "tat" regulatory gene and thus stop viral reproduction, virtually failed in clinical trials. A third major treatment innovation for HIV are protease inhibitors—targeted to block an enzyme that assembles new viral particles within infected cells. They did the best of the lot, but seemed to yield only minor, temporary gains at best.

The already approved treatment of combining the drugs AZT and ddC also produced only minor relief in a major trial, and then only in people with less advanced disease. ddC alone did as well as the combination in this trial of people who had already been taking AZT for some time. Thursday afternoon also included another report on the now famous Concorde study, which casts doubts on the benefits of using AZT alone in people whose immune deficiency is not yet life threatening. (See the accompanying article by Tim Kingston for further details on these two trials.)

There has been a widespread feeling for some time now that the current drugs used to alleviate HIV and AIDS are definitely of mediocre quality, or worse. But feelings had been strong that certain drugs, such as the tat inhibitor, represented a promising new avenue of treatment research. ACT UP members at the Berlin Conference staged a noisy demonstration around the Hoffman-La Roche booth partly to demand that the company speed up research on both tat and protease inhibitors. In the United States, underground sales of purported copies of the Roche tat inhibitor recently commenced. Four or five producers of "bathtub tat" were rumored to be trying to break into the market.

Another potential treatment that has raised expectations was debunked when Dr. E. Katabira of the Makerere Medical School in Kampala, Uganda, presented results of a major test of low

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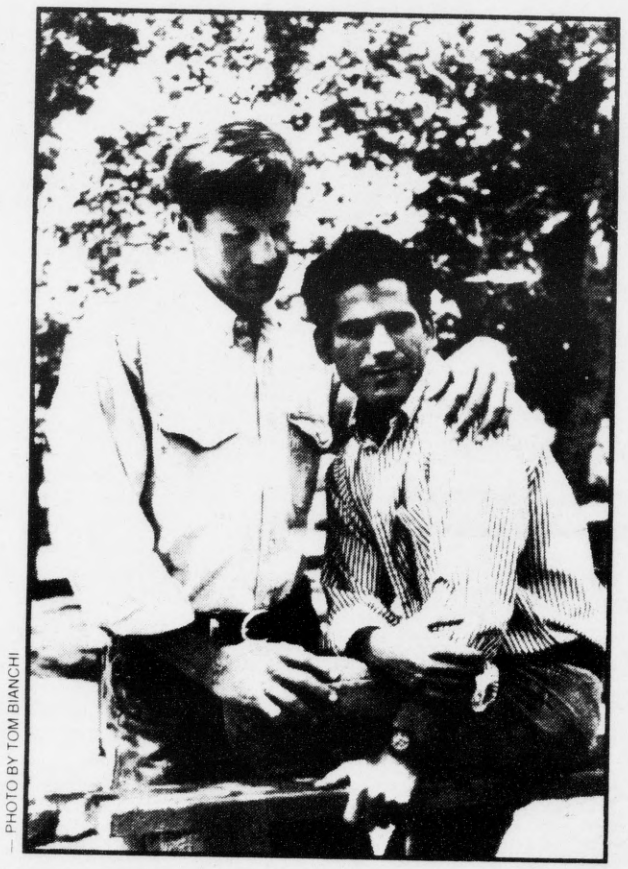

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dose alpha interferon, also known as Kemron. Kenyan researchers announced three years ago that they were able to reverse the course of AIDS using Kemron lozenges. Although this claim was widely disputed, Kemron continued to have a following among some African Americans who claimed racism had led to Kemron's rejection. The National Institutes of Health this spring finally agreed to sponsor a large trial to evaluate the substance. But in Dr. Kitibara's research, which compared Kemron to a placebo in 560 patients, no difference in survival or disease progression were found after more than a year. "If anyone wants to further test this drug, let them use their own judgment and compare the previous studies," Dr. Katabira commented after receiving lavish praise for his work from white American scientists at the session.

One thing the conference made abundantly clear was the difficulty in trying to control HIV and AIDS without understanding the mechanisms that produce immune deficiency. On this topic, presentations at the conference demonstrated marked progress over last year. In reviewing what had been gleaned about "immunopathogenesis," or how HIV disrupts the immune system, chief government AIDS researcher Dr. Anthony Fauci concluded in a major conference address, "Therapeutic strategies for HIV disease cannot be one-dimensional. Rather, they must take into account all the virologic and immunopathogenic processes... A comprehensive approach is essential if we are to develop a truly effective treatment strategy."

Fauci stressed there really is no latent period during HIV infection; the virus remains active in the lymph nodes even when it is not seen in the blood. Activation of white blood cells to fight HIV and other microbes invading the body seems to be a particularly potent cofactor for disease progression. Activated helper T-cells (HIV's main target) are more susceptible to becoming infected by the virus. Once infected, they start spewing out new virus particles.

The role of cofactors became a major theme at the conference as scientists looked for reasons why the body's immune response, which is effective in containing HIV, ultimately fails. Luc Montagnier, the discoverer of HIV, as well as Fauci, stressed that the molecules on the virus' outer coat are very toxic to immune system cells. By fitting into the receptors on helper T-cells, these molecules may cause signals inside the cells that ultimately kill them even if the cells are not infected by the virus.

This year, Mario Clerici was awarded a prize for his research into the importance of the balance between cellular immunity and antibodies in fighting HIV infection. The first of these, which consists of cells specialized to seek out and kill HIV-infected cells seems much more protective than antibodies. Two years ago, when he made his first presentation on the subject at the International AIDS Conference in Florence, Clerici recalled, "I was denounced from the floor. People got up and said, "I didn't come all the way to Florence to hear this nonsense." If Clerici and colleague Gene Scherer are correct in their observations, most HIV vaccine work up to now is starting from false premises. The experimental vaccines are based on stimulating antibodies against HIV, but when antibody production is stimulated, killer cell production is minimized by the body. You can't push both types of immunity at the same time.

Some of the most interesting work on the process that leads to AIDS is being carried out by Jay Levy of the University of California at San Francisco. According to Levy, the key is a special type of killer cell that does not actually kill the cells infected by HIV but just efficiently suppresses any production of new virus by those cells. Levy's work is based on a group of long-term survivors who have remained healthy and with normal immune systems for eight years or more after HIV infected their bodies.

In long-term survivors, this particular suppressor cell population remains large and active whereas in other people with HIV it gradually withers away. The reasons for this are not yet clear, but may involve the same unbalancing of the immune response that Clerici and Scherer are talking about. Given the increasing confusion about treatment effectiveness as the conference wore on, learning the way long-term survivors succeed at naturally warding off AIDS became an unavoidable theme. Pressure has been building all year for the conference to include more information on long-term survivors. Spearheading the drive was Aldyn McKean, an activist with ACT UP/New York, who gave one of the conference's opening speeches. McKean remarked in an interview, "The push started four years ago at the Montreal conference. There's a growing sense that there is no magic bullet for AIDS, so we should shift research to see why some people do well... If we could figure out what's keeping people healthy, we could figure out who might benefit from early treatment and who wouldn't."

This year there were four sessions plus a news conference devoted to long-term survival in addition to individual papers appearing in various other sessions. A host of genetic, viral environment, psychological and social factors were examined. There seemed to be no universal truth, although a good relationship with a doctor, good nutrition, an avoidance of unnecessary stress and a sense of resilience were common features of long-term survivors that could be duplicated by other people with HIV on a personal and daily basis.

Unfortunately, there was no grand theory to tie all the factors together. How, for example, does a supportive social network interact with proteins on the surface of your cells (one of the genetic factors that was mentioned) to create a successful immune response? A difficulty in unifying the picture is that there are obviously several different kinds of long-term survivors. One kind never had any signs of immune damage. Another kind has had its population of helper T-cells greatly reduced or decimated and still manages to stay relatively healthy—despite helper T-cells' supposedly central role in orchestrating the immune defenses against disease.

On the diversity of opinion, McKean commented, "Read the studies, understand the data, listen to your body and decide for yourself." This vision of simple, local initiatives that could be accomplished even in the absence of effective high-tech cures or vaccines carried over to the AIDS/HIV prevention aspects of the conference, where specialists pleaded for small amounts of money and freedom to conduct programs that, they said, could yet halt the epidemic.

According to Robert Merson, who directs the World Health Organization's AIDS program, "A basic HIV prevention package would include at least condom promotion and distribution, treatment of conventional STDs because of their role in facilitating HIV transmission, AIDS information and education in schools and mass media, promotion of condom use by prostitutes and their clients, maintenance of a safe blood supply, and needle exchange programs for injecting drug users." Merson estimated that such a program would cost a mere $2.5 billion a year worldwide and cut the rate of new HIV infection in half.

In a report on needle exchanges in the United States, Don Des Jarlais of Beth Israel Hospital in New York City also argued that effective needle exchange programs would cut the HIV rate in intravenous drug users by half. The epidemic would then peter out, he said, presumably because the rate of transmission would be so low that each HIV-positive drug user would infect less than one new person in the course of his or her lifetime.

But Meurig Horton of the World Health Organization indicated how hard it is to maintain effective AIDS prevention programs in the face of cultural taboos. Horton's speech decried the degaying of the epidemic as AIDS agencies choose to focus on heterosexual transmission out of homophobia. Horton, who is himself gay, concluded, "We are not asking for 90 percent of the resources or even for 60 percent, but we are asking for a measured, appropriate response and something more, something much cheaper that should be so easy to give: recognition, dignity and respect." ✿

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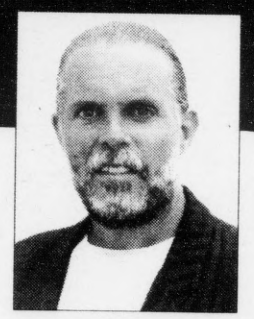

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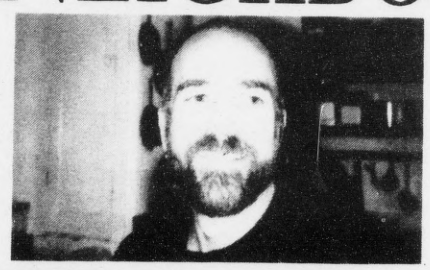

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Olivia Celebrates 20 Years of Women's Music Making:

An Interview with Judy Dlugacz

by Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien

I t had been 15 years or so since I had paid much attention to Olivia's music, although at some point I'd discovered Lucie Blue Tremblay. I connected with her wonderful music and our shared cultural heritage as French Canadians, or Canuks. When I looked on the label, I noticed Olivia Records had produced the album. My inner response was, "Oh yes, Olivia." When I was assigned an interview with Judy Dlugacz, president of Olivia Records in Oakland, I was interested and somewhat blase. My inner response was an even, "Oh yes, Olivia Records."

I expected the interview to be fairly routine: hour interview, hours of transcription, editing; in the end, another nice job.

But spending an hour with Judy Dlugacz isn't so routine. In an hour I experienced a couple of decades. At the end of the journey, I'd returned to the '90s transformed. I'd been magically transported to a time and sense of being that had been long buried in me.

The time is the 1970s, the decade of women, the beginnings of the Gay Liberation Movement. Before then was a dreadful time when lesbians were arrested for being lesbian, when all lesbian mother/child custody cases were lost, when there was no chance for understanding or freedom of self-expression. Then women—inspired by the lesbians among them—were moved to speak out for abortion, equal rights, changes in birth control laws, for prostitutes and even for lesbians. We were inspired to create safe spaces, to start businesses that hadn't existed, to gather and disseminate volumes of information that had been lost or stolen. Before 1975 our only institutions had been the bars and Daughters of Bilitis. We spoke of present realities, past injustices; dreamed of future visions. A lot of us were young. I was 23 when I came out (a late bloomer). I was 25 when Oliva came out and represented everything we'd worked for. Oh Yes! Olivia.

There was hope, passion and purpose, unparalleled since the beginning of the Second Wave of the movement to liberate women. In 1975 I was writing for the women's newspaper *Plexus*, reading books from the Feminist Press and buying them from A Woman's Place bookstore. It was a time of great excitement, giddy exhilaration.

It was also a dangerous time of sinister suppression by the larger society. The backlash was intense, often excessive. The FBI was hunting Patty Hearst for the crime of being a kidnap victim turned uppity woman. Nixon was still president, making lists of subversives, taking lots of prisoners. The FBI's COINTELPRO used the pretext of the Hearst/SLA search to harass, terrorize and jail scores of lesbians and feminists. Many of us went into hiding, isolated ourselves, became separatists. We also cannibalized each other in our cramped psychic hiding places.

In 1975, I was a lesbian on the edge of a nervous breakdown, ready to implode. A decade of struggling for peace, liberation and justice and the recurring harassment, backlash and homophobia had taken its toll. I was battle fatigued, shell shocked, traumatized. I felt alone in a crowd; my self image had been fragmented, my dreams battered. Just as I started to slip into a morass, sucked into a maelstrom of madness—I heard sounds, words, voices that kept me from going under.

After two years of preparation, a lesbian record company called Olivia emerged during these turbulent times. Meg Christian told me that she, too, had been in love with her gym teacher. The album *Lesbian Concentrate* showed me that there were many lesbians still willing to state that being a lesbian is beautiful. Be Be K'Roche let me know they'd been hoodoo'd, too. Mary Watkins brought me back to the real because she'd been to the Brick Hut; she elevated me to the profound because she expressed the creativity of my inner life. My wounded heart was healed and loved by the sensual, powerful voice and words of Cris Williamson. I felt acknowledged, affirmed by Olivia and the lesbians/women who created the music for this miracle record company. I was not alone.

In the past 20 years, Olivia has persisted in its existence. More than one million copies of 40 titles have been sold. Cris Williamson's *The Changer and the Changed* accounts for more than 250,000 of those copies. Other luminaries such as Linda Tillery, Mary Watkins, June Millington, Bonnie Raitt, Holly Near, Meg Christian, Margie Adam, Pat Parker, Judy Grahn and Kay Gardner have been part of the Olivia music experience. Current artists include Cris, Tret Fure, Lucie Blue, Deidre McCalla, Dianne Davidson and Teresa Trull.

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Oh yes! Olivia.

I've often said in recent writings that I feel a wind coming up in the '90s that's been dead for a decade. Sometimes I've lost confidence in my prediction that a gale will hit somewhere in 1995 that will bring changes we cannot now imagine. After interviewing Judy Dlugacz, I feel certain a hurricane is coming. Olivia will be among the women contributing breath to that swirling wind.

When I left the interview, I had tears in my eyes. I hoped no one noticed, but of course, someone did and later offered the excuse that perhaps

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The five original founders of Olivia Records (clockwise from top): Jennifer Woodul, Kate Winter, Judy Dlugacz, Ginny Berson, Meg Christian. Photo by Jeb

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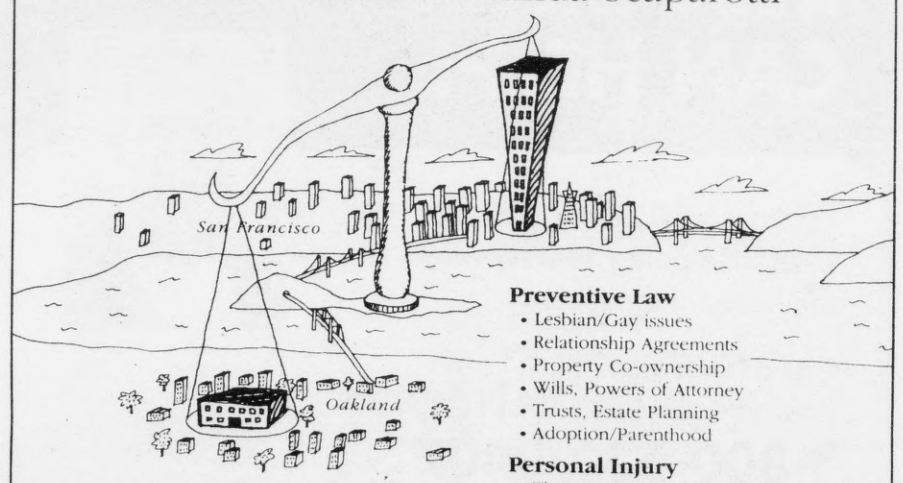

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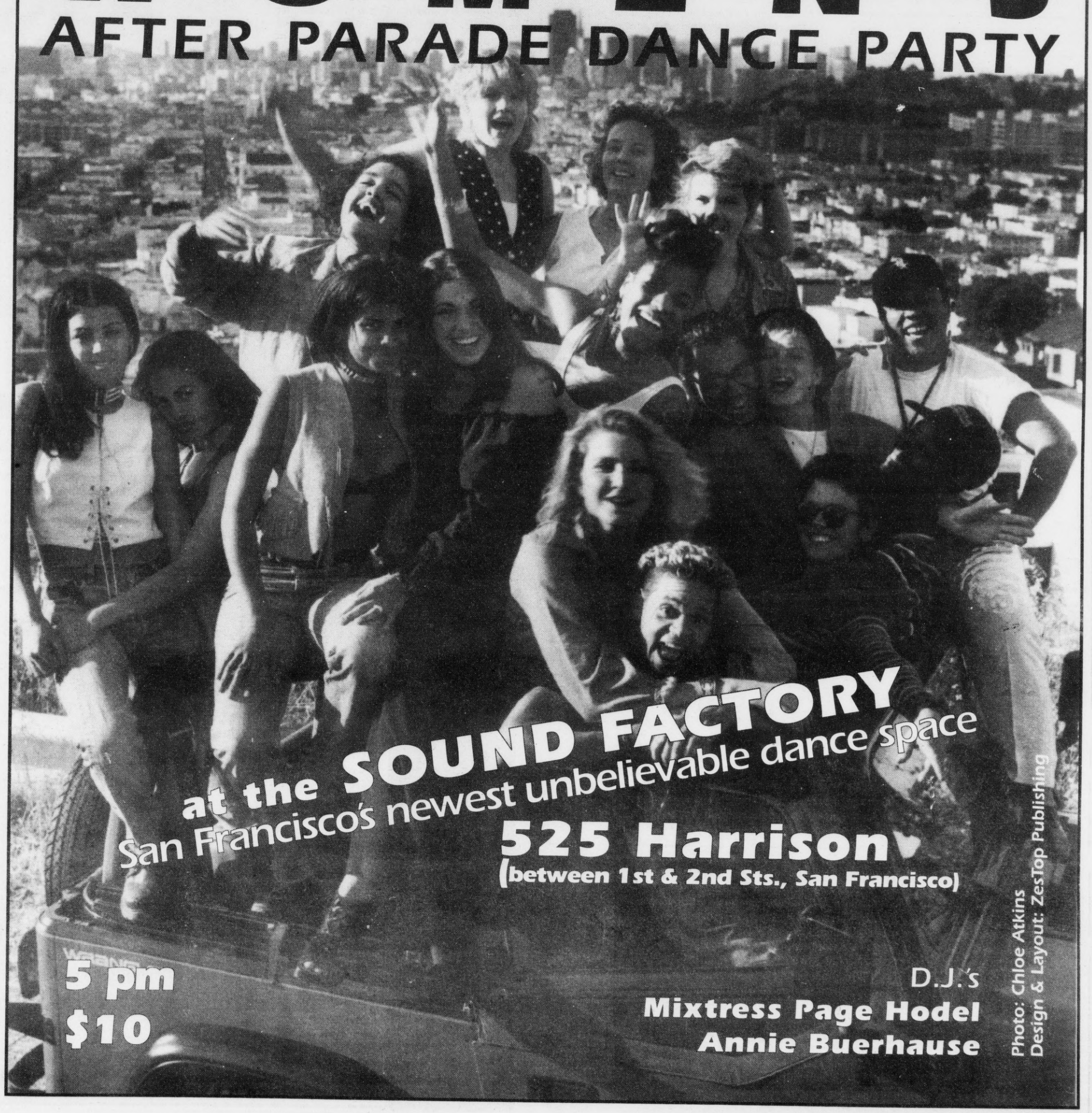

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I have allergies. I said that'd be a nice cover for breaking journalistic "objectivity." But it's not true. There were tears in my eyes because I've missed the sense of joy, the playfulness, conviction, commitment and purpose I'd packed away.

All of that had come rushing back. I wanted to cry in gratitude and relief, celebration for having found an old, lost friend. OH! YES! OLIVIA!

(SF Bay Times) It's your 20th anniversary. How are you feeling about this celebration?

(July Dlugacz) This is a very exciting time for me, Olivia, the gay community. This organization is on the crest of a wave right now. I've waited 20 years for something to happen on this scale; I'm surprised that it happened so soon. Visibility for lesbians and gay men is going to take quantum leaps now that we laid the groundwork for those first 20 years. What's gonna happen is going to be dramatic and change everything.

How do you see Olivia being involved in that?

As one of the very few organizations that survived 20 years, we have a breadth and depth of connection, communication, background as the record company, travel company and an organization that puts out a catalog—we have a tremendous ability to get information out there. Talk shows are calling me regularly. I see the visibility, which is what I have dedicated my life to, being here and now. You look at *New York* magazine that has "Lesbian Chic" with a photo of k.d. lang on the cover. It will change so many things, because visibility is 90 percent of the problem. It'll change the experience of gay teenagers, of women who never dreamed of having the option of being out. It's going to be very much more "in" to be out.

Come out and there's a tremendous amount of possibility. I see it on the cruises all the time. When we do these trips, there are women who are from all walks of life; ages range from late 20s to 80; women from all over. A lot of the women never heard of Olivia before. (It makes me wanna tear my hair out.) A lot of them that come are highly successful state senators, judges, school teachers. It's a wide spectrum, and so many of them at their jobs or in their homes are in the closet.

They spend seven days on a cruise with us, and it changes. It's uplifting; everyone is on a high that's catchy. People return home rejuvenated, dropping layers; they say: "I can't live like this anymore; I don't want to live quite this way." So they may not go home and come out to everyone, but they go home and they're a little bit stronger; they do it a little bit differently. They're never going to be able to go back to that totally hidden place again.

When we went to Greece, the main newspaper printed a double page spread. The article talked about this women's club of lesbians, priestesses of Sappho. Nothing like that had ever happened in a Greek newspaper; we got TV, radio coverage. They were fascinated, not in a weird way; they were simply interested in who we were, why we were there and what was happening.

Lesbos now calls itself Medelini because of the connotation of the name Lesbos. We stopped off where Sappho had her school—all 300 of us descending on this town. Half of the community wanted us there, and half didn't. But because we were there, the mayor arranged for a special celebration in the town square—children danced, a band played for us. They gave me a statue of Sappho to commemorate our being there, and we raised some money for them to put a statue of Sappho in their square.

In Alaska there were almost 800 of us. We got off the ship in places that are populated by 800 people, so we're equal to the entire rest of the population. We told them who was coming in advance; we said who we are; we asked, "Would you like to put up a sign welcoming us to come into your store?" A lot of them said, "Yes."

We change reality because we create visibility. When we go on these trips, it's not like there aren't straight people taking care of us. Here we have a ship full of lesbians and a community of people who serve you. These two worlds have to figure each other out; consciousness shifts on both sides.

I remember the moment prior to Olivia, the moment of Olivia. Olivia was at the very beginning of giving women a place to do our music.

I have been fortunate because I got to see that moment. What was this? It's all about timing and being in the right place, creating the right energy at the right moment. It was a group of ten women who were sincerely dedicated, bright; wanting to change the world, that's all. We didn't know exactly how yet. We'd been radical lesbians, some of us had been in the Furies. It was this intensely serious group of women, and all of a sudden this idea just flows through from Cris saying, "Hey, do a women's record company." Sure enough, that was it, because we saw it and said: this can change the world; this can change lives.

We had no money, so it made it more difficult,

Two happy Olivia cruisers. Photo by Terry Gydesen

but we had no idea that it was impossible. We had no idea what it would take, and so therefore it was possible. By the time we decided to move to California because the record industry was there and we needed to learn the business, there were five of us left in the collective.

From 1975-77 was like decades took place in a day or a week or a month. Time didn't really

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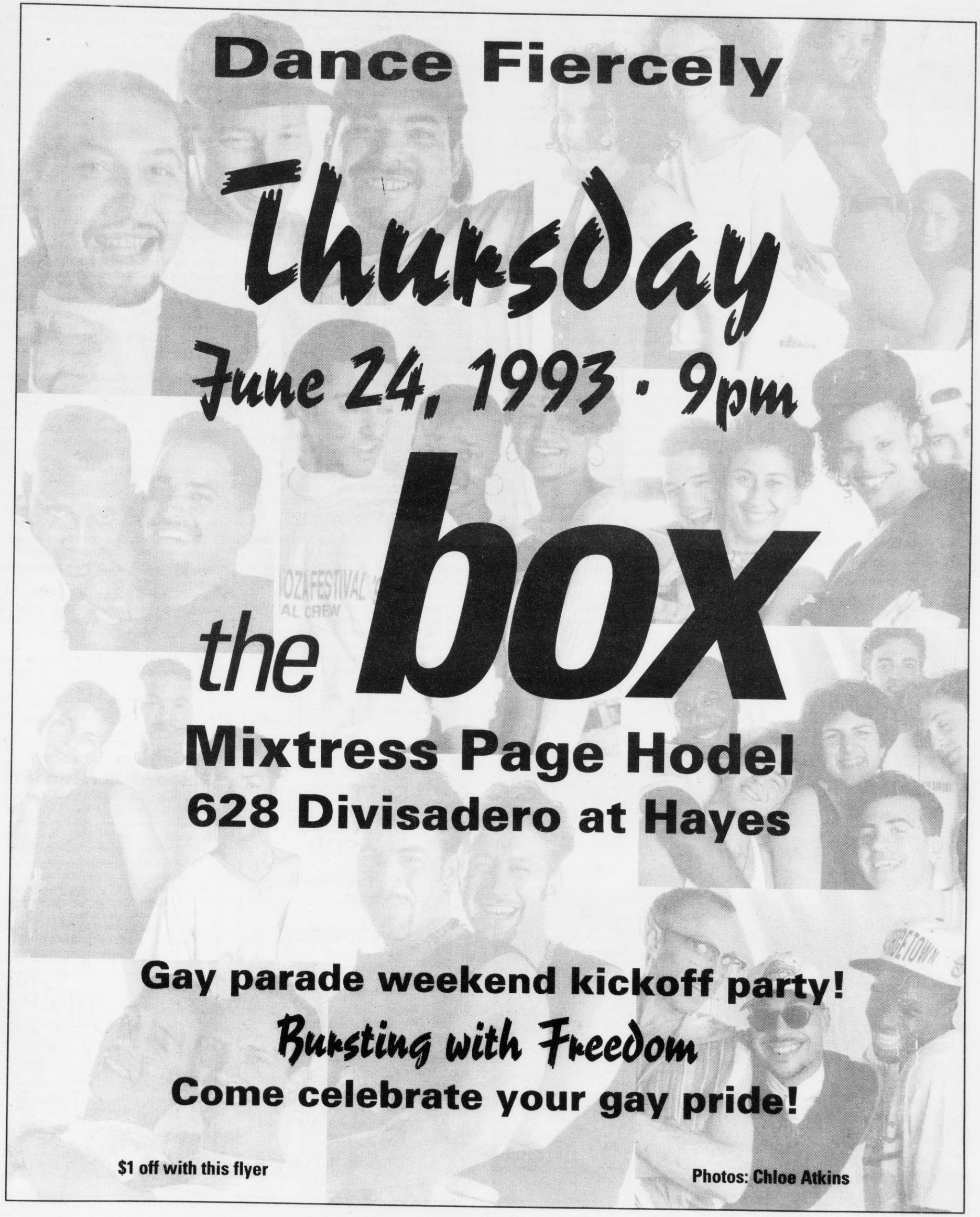
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exist in what we were doing; everything happened very quickly. It was an amazing thing that happened; I watched consciousness completely moved because of music. I watched the Lesbian/Feminist and Feminist Movement start to click. I watched concerts go from 50 people to 2,000 in about three months.

When we were in California in 1975, just starting, we put out Meg's record *I Know You Know*; instantly there was a reaction. Then we made *The Changer* that summer. From March to July we had *I Know You Know* out and by the time we put *The Changer* out in October, 1975, the reaction was overwhelming. We had sold 50,000 records. It was ridiculous; we didn't even know how to sell a record, much less promote it. The reaction was so amazing; thousands and thousands of letters of people saying, "It has changed my whole consciousness." They didn't have to go to a concert to do that; they could just buy a record. Then I was hooked; there was no way I wouldn't continue to do it no matter what happened.

We went through a lot. We were a collective for seven years and then it broke down, bogged down in its own communication. We didn't really know about being a business. We were like a political organization, so when it had to be a business and make a tough decision, it was really hard to keep it together.

How did you make that transition?

Everyone cared about this place, so even though it was very painful for it to happen, nobody wanted it to die. That was a key. As people decided they were burned out or it was time for them to leave, they couldn't continue to do this. Eventually, I became the sole remaining founder of Olivia. Now I was *really* old, 28.

Then there was this other part which was the beginnings of a community. There were a lot of people who were very scared and a lot of people who were very angry; sometimes people who were marginal as well as incredible spirits. We had everything in this melting pot of community. They weren't always very kind to entities like Olivia, which I didn't understand at all. What are we doing? We're making music. They wanted—sometimes few but vocal—wanted us to mirror them exactly; "we want you to be just like us." It was very hard for the artists and the company to deal with these people saying "You Must Do It This Way." We never did it that way; we did it our way, whatever it was.

People took tremendous risks. Cris Williamson had an absolutely clear career taking off. She could have had quite a great career in the mainstream industry. She chose to do this. She knew that when she took it on, as she says, "I was signing up for boot camp." This was not someone who was typical. She was a renegade; she had her own spiritual ideas about how the world is. She had a lot of differences with people who considered themselves The Community. Here was this incredibly brilliant voice who said, "stretch, learn, grow." Sometimes she didn't fit into the boxes that were being created. She enabled more women to come out than any single person in the world for the first 20 years. The music for a lot of people was incredibly healing for gay or straight, whoever got a chance to hear it. The power of the music was to enable people to be who they were.

When you got into a regressive, repressive time like the Reagan years, how did Olivia keep going?

After 1982 it was really hard. It kept going because quite literally me and the artists wouldn't let it go. We simply didn't let it go. From every standpoint it probably should have stopped around the 10th year. Between the 10th year and the 17th year was very, very difficult. Moneywise it was impossible. Olivia was financially not viable. We did everything we could to stay around. There was no question the need was there. I went to the community constantly and said, "Become a member, help us."

It's not just a business venture. You can't think of a dumber business venture than trying to do lesbian music in the world. It's a very difficult thing to do: it simply doesn't get on the radio; it's hard with the stores, with distribution, with the press. In the '80s, how did you find a market that absolutely didn't want to be found? We reached that initial group in the '70s that came out and rode that wave with us. The '80s were about, Now what? How do we reach all those people who are deeply, darkly in the closet? That was a very difficult task.

Now we are being very successful. The travel part is a whole new expansion of the company. We are in the forefront in developing, opening up that possibility which never existed before. There's a parallel with the record company. The first parallel is I had no idea what I was doing; we had no idea so therefore it was possible. It came out of just a thought. We were doing a 15th anniversary concert and a woman sitting with me at dinner says, "Gawd, this concert was so great, wouldn't it be great to have a concert on the water?"

That was it; women's cruises—I can do that. I turned to someone and said, "Find out how you rent a ship." I had $40,000 available; I put a down payment on a ship for a Bahamas trip. I had to come up with $250,000 in two months. It never occurred to me that it wouldn't happen until eight months later, I said, "Judy, what were you thinking!" I wrote a letter to the Olivia mailing list to all the people who had been with us. I said, I came up with this idea so I put all the money I have down, and if you want to go, you have to send me all the money now and you can't cancel. Six hundred women signed up for the first trip. Within two months I had the money I needed. Then I did it again. That's what happened with the record company. The need wasn't all that different.

What is the community?

There's no one community. We knew it was a broad spectrum of people and ideas. It's definitely in flux; we're in a changing time. Perception and personal perception is going to move rapidly now. Discovering that community is the exciting part. There's an influx of people who are into business and money; and there's the young part of the community that has a lot of strong elements, strong opinions. There are people who are coming out of the closet in more mainstream positions; that's going to create a different kind of reality. It's gonna be much more in. In this country "in" makes a big difference. In the '60s and '70s it was a community; in the '80s it was a market. Now we're a niche.

In the old days people thought in order to cross over they had to *not* be out without question; nobody was. We still have people who have one foot in, one foot out; who are major, major stars who relate to the community, who do benefits for the community; who can't quite say it. Now there are going to be people in the industry who are going to make it partially because they're gay; not zillions of them, but that's going to happen.

With visibility we'll cop some backlash; we simply cannot be afraid of it. We just have to know it and not be surprised it.

That recent research saying we're 1 percent is an attempt to take it back.

Things are going to be based on marketing surveys. If the marketing surveys decide that there's 1 percent lesbians and gays, definitely different things will happen than if marketing surveys decide there's 10 percent. Who's deciding that, who's coming up with those figures and why?

There haven't been very many out businesses. That needs to shift. The institutions will continue to be very important to sustain. As things we do are more successful, like music, the mainstream

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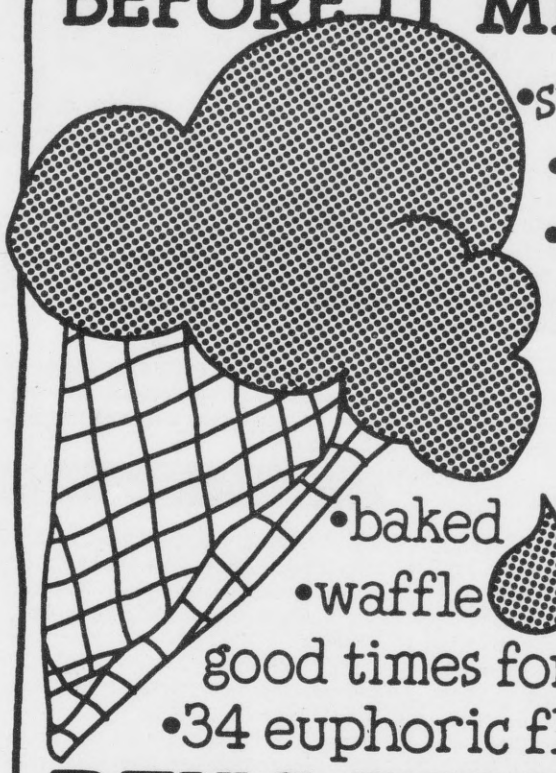

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Banned at Nat'l Black Festival?

SAN FRANCISCO - Pomo Afro Homos, the City's premiere Black queer performing arts troupe, appears to have been banned from the third biennial National Black Theater Festival in Winston-Salem, North Carolina Aug. 2-7.

The group, which has sold out performances throughout the country, tried in 1991 to bring its *Fierce Love: Stories from Black Gay Life* to the festival. Though its application was in on time, and it scored well in the peer panel process, the group was ignored by the festival organizers and its new entry, *Dark Fruit,* is being ignored as well.

"We can only conclude that our group has been singled out for exclusion from the festival in an arbitrary and discriminatory manner by the festival's director, Larry Leon Hamlin, based on the content of our work," says the group in a recent press release.

"To the best of our knowledge, the festival has never presented work about the Black gay experience," group members Brian Freeman, Djola Bernard Branner, Eric Gupton and Marvin K. White said. "Does the group believe that gay issues are irrelevant to African Americans?"

Pomo Afro Homos is calling not for a boycott of the festival, but for those attending to speak out against their exclusion. They also invite folks to send letters to Hamlin at the National Black Theater Festival, 610 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

Military Update: Things Heat Up

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the date draws near for President Bill Clinton's expected July 15 signing of an executive order on the military issue, things are looking to heat up on several fronts:

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is launching a July campaign against the ban on gays and lesbians in the armed forces. The campaign kicks off with a demonstration in Lafayette Park on July 4.

• Queer Nation National Capitol is calling for a congressional hearing into gaybashing in the military. In a letter to Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the group requested an investigation into "widespread harassment" and asked for a proposal for sensitivity training for troops to "stop the violence." The group has also launched a poster campaign to support an end to the ban on gays/lesbians in the military. The posters include a large photo of Clinton with the words "Clinton Coward"; and one of Nunn with the word "bigot."

• Studies conducted by the Rand Group for Defense Secretary Les Aspin recommend integrating gays and lesbians into the military and lifting the ban on consensual sodomy. It's highly unlikely that Aspin will include these recommendations into his draft executive order for Clinton.

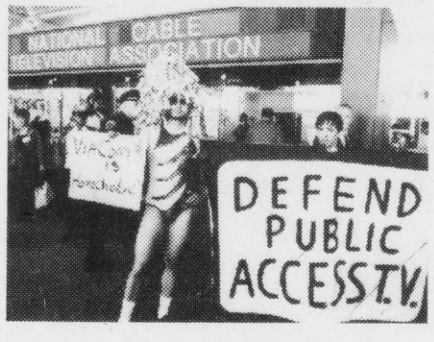
• News has broken that Gen. Colin Powell, who opposes gays/lesbians in the military, knew that his 1986 personal bodyguard, U.S. Army Capt. Michael McManus, was gay. In fact, McManus' self-professed gayness made no difference to the military head honcho while the two were stationed in West Germany.

• A panel of officers is recommending that Lt. Zoe Dunning, who declared her lesbianism at a rally in San Francisco in January, should be honorably discharged. Dunning says she is "being persecuted for simply who I am."

• Since the military issue has surfaced, the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors Western Region reports receiving an increasing number of calls from gay and lesbian military personnel. These gay/lesbian folks are wondering about their options. Could be a smart move, considering that many people are worried about Clinton's recent waffling on the lifting of the ban issue.

New Award for Safe Sex

SAN FRANCISCO - In a dramatic approach to HIV risk reduction that uses explicit safe sex imagery to suggest erotically charged alternatives to risky behavior, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation will present the first annual Gay Men's Safe Sex Video Awards on June 24 at the Castro Theater.



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The Academy Awards-style program, presented in conjunction with Falcon Studios, is part of Frameline's 17th annual International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. It features clips from professional and amateur erotic videos that are as steamy as they are informative.

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Fire Disrupts Cuban Meeting

SAN FRANCISCO - A rapidly burning fire interrupted a group of gays, bisexuals and transgendered folks gathered to discuss their participation in the U.S.-Cuba Friendshipment Caravan this summer.

The meeting was taking place at the Mission headquarters of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) and Queers for Cuba. The fire burned through some chairs and wood stored on the porch as well as a portion of the porch itself and had begun to inflame the wall of the Victorian-style building when it was extinguished. Fire officials suspect arson.

The meeting was the first time the group publicized a meeting space. Organizers were not surprised to be targeted for such an assault. "The Cuba solidarity movement has historically been the target of harassment, intimidation and assault by right-wing groups," they said. Added to that, the meeting was about queer issues.

Mother Pleads for Compassionate Release

SAN FRANCISCO - Frieda Kubas is starting a fast on the steps of the Capitol until her son, Stanley Young, a 28-year-old prisoner with AIDS who has been given only a few months to live, is given a compassionate release.

Compassionate release is a legal option that alters a terminally ill inmate's sentence so that s/he can die at home with family and loved ones. On June 3, Young, imprisoned at the California Medical Facility, was denied a compassionate release despite the fact that he is confined to a wheelchair.

"When it comes time for my son to go, I want to be the one with my arms around him instead of someone else," Kubas said. "I want to hold him, I want to comfort him."

Self Defense Leader Writes Back

SAN FRANCISCO - Helen Grieco, who along with Patrick Phair, runs Defending Ourselves Self Defense School for Women, is writing a book on the subject. Titled *Defending Ourselves: A National Sourcebook on Violence Against Women,* the book is due out in Jan. 1994 from Celestial Arts/Ten Speed Press.

"My earliest childhood memory was of my mother being battered by my father," says Grieco. "I'm also a survivor of attempted rape and sexual harassment." Phair, who holds a black belt in Atemi Jitsu, has spent his life researching marital arts and self-defense techniques.

Grieco is putting out a call to female survivors of sexual violence to submit their stories to be considered for publication in the sourcebook. Stories should be two to three pages, including the everyday fears the survivors live with, the incidents, the legal resources or activism that followed and their recovery process. Send to: 1101 Clement St., San Francisco, 94118.

NEA Suit Settled

LOS ANGELES - Four performance artists who were denied funding from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in 1990 for political reasons have settled their suit against the federal agency. As part of the settlement, the four will receive grants rejected by NEA Chair John Frohnmayer at the height of controversies over the sexual/political content of their works plus legal expenses and compensatory damages.

Artists Karen Finley and Holly Hughes will each receive $8,000; Tim Miller and John Fleck will both receive $5,000. Of the four, only Finley is heterosexual.

In addition to the grant funds, each artist will receive $6,000 in compensatory damages to resolve claims that the government violated their privacy rights by leaking details of their grant proposals to the press. The plantiffs will also get $202,000 in legal fees and litigation costs, which will be used to reimburse the three nonprofit organizations—American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Constitutional Rights and the National Campaign for Freedom of Expression—that sponsored the case. The total settlement is $252,000.

Texas Court Affirms Lesbian Rights

AUSTIN - The Texas Supreme Court has reaffirmed what a lower court ruled: that the state's archaic sodomy laws cannot be used to keep a lesbian from joining the police force.

Mica England sued the city of Dallas after being denied the chance to be a police officer in 1989. She admitted to being a lesbian. But she's not ready to celebrate, she says, until the infamous "crimes against nature" are stricken from the books once and for all. The police department, meanwhile, says it will continue to use the sodomy laws as a deterent to gays and lesbians until there is a ruling on their constitutionality.

Those Pesky Polls Again

ATHENS - Citizens of Georgia, the state that gave us the Hardwick sodomy case, believe in teaching their children about multiculturalism, as long as it doesn't include any discussion of those dreaded gays and lesbians.

According to a recent poll, 53.9 percent do not want queers to be part of any diversity curriculum in the schools. On the issue of gays and the military, a whopping 49.1 percent said "no way." Another 51 percent believe that gays and lesbians in the armed forces would prove harmful.

Meanwhile, almost 50 percent of West Virginians are against gay rights laws, according to a recent poll. Choice comments made by the residents of this state include: "They shouldn't be allowed to have rights because it's a sin;" and "You have to discriminate in this case." Virginia may be for lovers, but West Virginia is obviously for bigots who make comments like "Line them all up and kill them."

Kramer Accused of Blackmail

SAN DIEGO - Nicole Ramirez Murray, a member of the 1993 National March on Washington Executive Committee, is not mincing words in accusing AIDS activist and playwright Larry Kramer of blackmail. He says that Kramer forced organizers to allow him to speak at the April 25 event that drew 1 million people to D.C. by threatening that ACT UP members would charge the stage. Kramer founded ACT UP in the late '80s.

Murray, a past member of the National Executive Board of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, says that the executive committee of the march voted down Kramer as a possible speaker. Now Murray wants Kramer's action condemned by the national executive committee at its final meeting on July 10.

Kramer could not be reached for comment at his home in New York City.

Gay Mecca in Florida?

PENSACOLA - Some politicians are upset over a news report on the local WEAR-TV that characterized this Florida resort as gay friendly. They don't want queers coming to their beaches on holiday weekends, creating a gay mecca, or worse yet, another San Francisco, "the object of jokes around the world."

But the Pensacola *News Journal* and some businesspeople reject the bigoted views of Mayor Jerry Maygarden and Councilmember Doug Proffitt. The town's queers, meanwhile, are stamping "Gay Money" on their bills and urging gays and lesbians to flock to the resort in even greater numbers.

More FBI Dirt

SAN FRANCISCO - Frank Buttino, a former FBI agent fired for being queer and author of *A Special Agent: Gay and Inside the FBI,* says the federal investigatory agency regularly blackmailed those suspected of being gay or lesbian. He says the agency told suspected homos that it would out them to families and friends if they didn't leave their jobs.

Buttino has filed a class-action suit on behalf of all the gay and lesbian employees fired by the FBI. That suit may go to trial as early as September. Buttino was fired after a note was sent to his superiors accusing him of being gay.

Bits & Pieces I: State & Local

• Kendra Alexander, a national figure in the left/progressive movement, died in a fire at her Berkeley home on May 23. A leader in the Berkeley/Oakland African-American community, Alexander was a legislative aide to Berkeley City Councilmember Maudelle Shirek.

• Joan Kaye, a "dyke from hell" and lifelong activist for social justice, died suddenly on May 21 of a brain aneurism. She was 51. Born in New York and transplanted to Florida at 14, she lived in San Francisco for over 25 years. A memorial service was held on June 5 at the ILWU Ship Clerks' Hall in China Basin. Gifts in her memory can be sent to Labor Studies Program, 800 Mission St., SF 94103, payable to "CCSF Labor Studies—Joan Kaye Scholarship Fund."

• Paul Lorch, veteran local gay activist, will head the new School of Liberal Arts at City College of San Francisco. To date, the appointment is the highest position in higher education awarded to an openly gay educator.

• Volunteers are needed for the AIDS/HIV Nightline. It offers emotional support every night of the week for anyone who has AIDS/HIV concerns. Call Rolph or Dave at (415) 752-4866 for info or to offer your help.

• Speaking of volunteers, Community United Against Violence (CUAV) also needs your help at the June 27 Freedom Day Parade to collect donations to help in the organization's fight against anti-queer violence. To pitch in a hand, call Rosa at (415) 777-5500.

• The gay/lesbian/bisexual youth Talkline is now operating from 6:30-11:30 pm Thursdays through Sundays. Reach it locally at (415) 863-3636 and outside of San Francisco at (800) 246-PRIDE. Services in Spanish and Tagalog and for the deaf and hearing-impaired are available.

• Gay American Baptists will have a presence at the upcoming June 22-25 biennial meeting of the American Baptist Churches/USA in San Jose. Among the activities planned are workshops on the concerns of sexual minority persons, and a resolution from five of the 18 regions of the church group, calling for dialogue on issues of human sexuality. Baptists Concerned, a caucus

affirming the rights of gays/lesbians/bisexuals, plans to greet attendees at the opening with a prayer meeting. Stay tuned.

• San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer was the grand marshal of the June 13 South Bay Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade. She agreed to play the part after Keith Meinhold canceled. Asked at the parade if she thought it would hurt her politically to be associated with queers, she replied, "Well, we'll just have to wait until tomorrow to find out."

• The AIDS Project Los Angeles and the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California on June 3 filed a suit in federal court against Associated Technical College for allegedly refusing to allow a student who tested positive for HIV to complete his training in its Emergency Medical Technician program. Says Tracie Tabor Lyons, legal director of AIDS Project L.A., "This is a perfect example of AIDS hysteria."

• The Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center announced the most successful fundraising campaign in history for a gay/lesbian social services agency, as pledges to the center's Capital Campaign Fund surpassed $5 million. The campaign was launched in June 1991 for the purchase and renovation of the center's new $8 million facility in Hollywood. With the cash proceeds from the $5 million in pledges, the center will now be able to retire all of its building debt.

• The AIDS Quilt will make its first trip to West Hollywood from Oct. 8-10 at the Pacific Design Center. To support the display, West Hollywood hotels will offer special packages to

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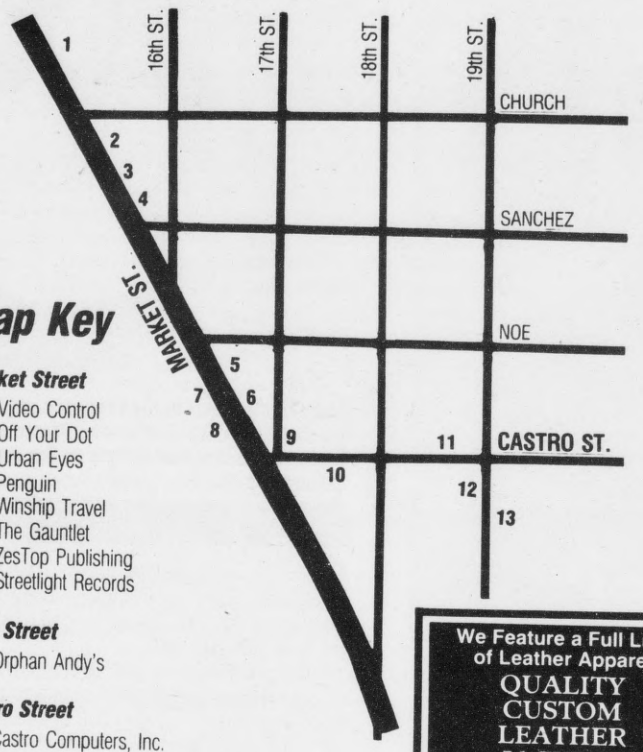

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those visiting the quilt. For travel info and hotel packages, call West Hollywood Marketing Corporation's toll-free number: (800) 368-6020.

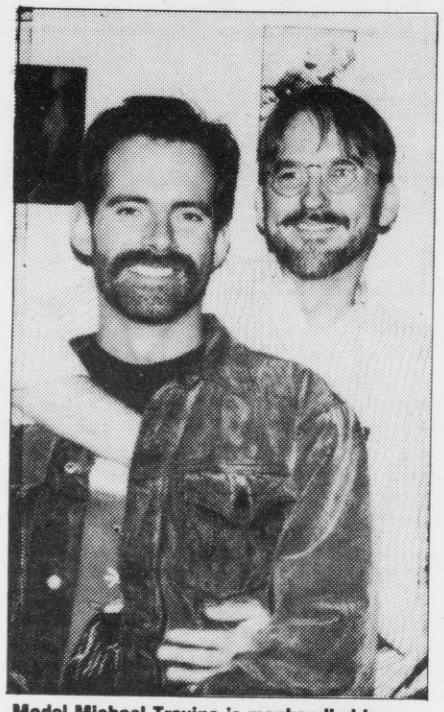
• The 11th annual Los Angeles International Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival will be held July 8-18 at the Directors Guild Theatre. Over 200 films and videos from 12 countries will be featured. For ticket info, call (213) 466-1767.

• Christopher Street West, organizers of the annual Los Angeles pride celebration, is giving its community awards to Clinton political consultant David Mixner and LIFE AIDS Lobby Director Laurie McBride. Other awards went to a variety of individuals and organizations, including Stonewall 25, the upcoming celebration of the riots that gave birth to the gay liberation movement; and Harvey Fierstein for his work in the theater.

Bits & Pieces II: National

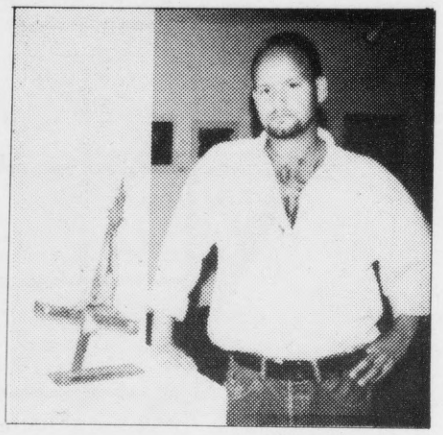
• The anti-gay intiative is on the Sept. 21 ballot in the town of Medford, Ore., after the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) gathered the proper number of signatures. The measure would keep the city from passing any gay rights laws. The OCA failed last November to pass a similar statewide initiative, so now it's attempting to do it city by city, county by county. Says City Councilmember Bill Mansfield, "The whole issue is divisive. It divides friends, families, and it's divided my family." And we thought the fundies were pro-family.

• Talk about schizophrenia: the Presbyterian Church at its most recent general assembly backed the lifting of the ban on gays and lesbians in the military but also supported the right of the Boy Scouts of the USA to discriminate against queers.



Model Michael Trevino is manhandled by photographer Steve Savage at the gala opening June 6 of Savage's photography show, "Dreamscapes," at Josie's Cabaret. Photo by Rink

• The Hetrick-Martin Institute, home of the Harvey Milk School, is graduating to a new larger facility in the Big Apple. With an initial grant of $250,000 from the Council of Fashion Designers



Sean Seymor beside his sculpture exhibit at the 3rd Visual Art Exhibit of Latino/a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Artists at the Mission Cultural Center. Photo by Rink

Association and Vogue Magazine, a $2.5 million capital campaign is under way to complete construction of the new facility. A total of $750,000 has been raised to date.

• A New Hampshire gay rights bill, the first of its kind in that state, was killed by a 5-4 vote by the Portsmouth City Council after a public hearing that became quite heated. Among the more insidious testimony was from a parent who said that gays and lesbians infect the blood supply. Now where have we heard that one before?

• The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania is supporting the right of a white supremacist group to hold an anti-gay rally in New Hope, a scenic arts community outside of Philadelphia. The ACLU, which is strongly pro-gay, filed suit against state officials who want to keep the group from marching. Meanwhile, the KKK in Chattanooga, Tenn., is applying for a march permit, saying that if queers can do it, so can they.

• The National Forum for Black Public Administrators won't hold its 1994 convention in Tampa, Fla., because of the city's recent repeal of a gay rights law and its bad record on incorporating Blacks into the mainstream of the economy. The Catholic Campus Ministers Association also canceled a meeting in Tampa over the squashed gay law.

• Arkansas Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee said at a recent Boys State convention that thousands of soldiers did not die to "legitimize a man-to-man marriage or a woman-to-woman marriage." Continued the Baptist-minister-turned-politician: "Our forefathers didn't live and die so we would turn our back on unborn children to protect the choice of the biological mother, and I'm not talking about cases of rape and incest."

• The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon has filed a suit to stop the town of Cornelius from enforcing the anti-gay initiative it passed last year, which keeps the community from ever legislating anti-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The ACLU believes the ordinance is unconstitutional.

• The Nevada Assembly Judiciary Committee voted to support a bill legalizing same-sex oral and anal activity. However, an amendment was added banning public sex.

• The Colorado Boycott goes on! At a recent meeting in Chicago, 1200 members of the Law and Society Association voted to cancel two meetings in Colorado because of the state's

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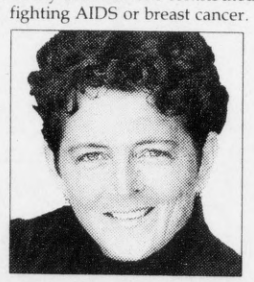

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recently enacted Amendment 2, which outlaws all gay rights laws. Though the amendment is in appeal, the national boycott of the state is going strong, according to Boycott Colorado organizers.

• Earvin "Magic" Johnson, retired L.A. Lakers star and 1992 Olympic "Dream Team" member, will co-chair and participate in the 1993 Wisconsin AIDS Walk on Sept. 26. The other co-chair is Milwaukee Bucs Coach Mike Dunleavy, who formerly coached Johnson in L.A.

• The new head of the Minnesota Democratic party is an out gay man: Rick Stafford. But that doesn't seem to bother anyone. In fact, says Stafford, "I think members of the media made more of it than anyone else."

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) expressed its disappointment in President Bill Clinton's decision to withdraw the nomination of professor Lani Guinier to head the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. NGLTF believes that Guinier should have been accorded a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Guinier was criticized by senators of both parties because of her so-called radical writings on racial issues.

• In Spokane Wash., the atmosphere at this year's gay/lesbian pride celebration was much more relaxed, despite slurs from passing cars and anti-gay marchers with signs. About 350 people attended the march.

• The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) publishes the AIDS/HIV Treatment Directory, the most comprehensive source of information on approved and experimental treatments for HIV infection and related disorders. It's a quarterly. For info, call (800) 39-AmFAR.

• PEN American Center in New York City, the largest of the 117 centers worldwide that comprise International PEN (poets, playwrights, essayists, editors and novelists), has announced the formation of the PEN Lesbian and Gay Committee to combat the censorship of lesbian/gay/bisexual writing as well as to ensure readers access to such writing.

• Over 200 employees recently attended the second annual conference of LEAGUE, the Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay United Employees at AT&T, at the Washington Marriott in D.C. Speakers included Congressmember Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and author Brian McNaught.

• Bad news for queerbashers and other bigots: Hate crimes can be punished by longer prison terms, the Supreme Court ruled on June 11.

• Controversy has developed over Jeff Peters, an attorney for Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth, who is active in the campaign to defeat an anti-gay initiative proposed by the American Family Association (AFA). Peters is with Floridians Respecting Everyone's Equality, a pro-gay rights organization. The AFA wants to ban all gay rights laws throughout the state. A spokesperson for the group says that Peters should resign his post or end his activism. Peter Antonacci, deputy attorney general, says that what Peters does in his private life is his own business.

Bits & Pieces III: International

• President Boris Yeltsin signed a decree repealing the Russian sodomy laws on April 29. That same decree now forbids only rape and statutory rape. The news comes via the official government newspaper *Rossiyskaya Gazetta*.

• The European Court of Human Rights on April 22 ruled that Cyprus' sodomy law violates the right to privacy guaranteed under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

• Pending in Ireland: legislation to legalize sex between gay men and to make the age of consent the same for homosexuals as it is for heterosexuals (17). It's expected to pass.

• The Council of Europe is delaying a vote on Romania's application for membership on several grounds, including the country's sodomy law. Two members of the country's ruling body are trying to remedy the situation.

• Mixed Blessing Dept.: The army in Israel says it will actively recruit gays and lesbians and not restrict them from so-called sensitive jobs. The announcement merely serves to formalize what has long been an Israeli policy.

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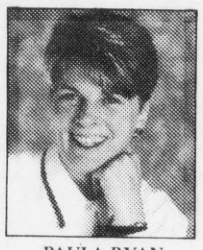

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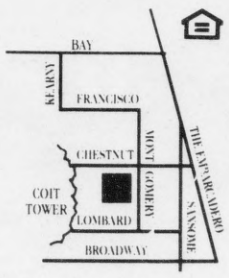

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Integrationists, Populists And TV-Viewing Dissidents—Unite!

Integration For Dissidents—Guaranteed to Offend Somebody: Integration is not a term often used anymore. For some, it brings to mind integrated circuits and computers. For young Blacks who have benefited somewhat, but not enough, it has little meaning since there are few jobs and little future for them. Some Blacks and whites agree on racial separation on several levels, and do not want coalition or additional interaction between the races. Some whites assume the fight for integration is all over. They seem tired/not interested/uncomfortable hearing about it so long after it began.

Back in the '50s, integration came to mean civil rights for Blacks in America. But like many other dispossessed people with relatively little influence over the citadels of power in this society, the significance of what Blacks began was diffused and taken over by other forces—forces which captured the interests of the media. Television was new, and the new media's focus changed and infused the women's movement (white, middle-class females) and other people of color (with separate and singular agendas) with energy and support by shifting the emphasis and attention away from Blacks.

Integration suggests incorporation of equals into a society: unity. Well, some of us continue to be more equal, and have greater advantages than others. Integration still means different things to different people. Some intellectuals feel integration is a re-visit to the old populist movement, which did not work because whites would not work through their racism and allow integration to succeed.

Many never consider why there is an absence of difference in their lives and environment. For many, difference is disturbing, a threat which they fear. There are places I could be killed for walking down the street because I am different. Places like the Louisiana neighborhood in which a young Japanese exchange student was shot to death for knocking on a redneck's door. There are places it would be unwise for any of us to venture. That is, you may go where I may not, and vice versa. What kind of integration is that?

Integration has brought about kaleidoscopic changes in media images. As the world shrunk under the fixed gaze of TV cameras, we discovered there really were "Negroes" in America, despite their spotty representation in Hollywood and their lack of coverage in the printed press. TV sparked integration—we saw our image, and it was not pretty. History taught us that even when we try to do the right thing, we can not always integrate into a hateful, repressed mainstream. The late Allen Schindler, a soldier who was the victim of gay-bashing, comes to mind. His death reminds me of the late Emmet Till, a 14-year-old civil rights protester who in 1955 was tortured, killed and thrown into the Tallahatchie River with a 75-pound cotton gin fan tied around his neck with barbed wire. And this was far from an isolated incident or our most shameful history. I still remember seeing his swollen, bloated body on TV.

Integration for each group has its price. And the media has been complicit in wringing every sensational moment they can out of us. Along with some objective coverage which stops short of saying homosexuality is an equal but alternative lifestyle, there has been a barrage of misinformation. Some commentary, cinema, music and other entertainment pieces have encouraged violence, hatred, and the notion that heterosexuals and heterosexuality are superior to homosexuality; therefore it really is acceptable to deny lesbians and gays equal rights, to do whatever one pleases to them because they are inferior. Rights for a few but not all puts everyone in jeopardy. Those who allow persecution and oppression to exist and continue now will not be spared when their turn comes.

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Since the days integration meant civil rights for Blacks, times have changed. Integration has gone from being about inclusion for Blacks to a battle between all the special interest factions for good, supportive media coverage that few of us could afford to buy. So all of us end up being governed by media coverage, PR firms, lobbyists, and the career politicians who can afford them.

Special interest groups have tremendous sway—if they have money. The powerful groups with money pay the costs of political elections and the tab for career politicians who continue in national office. While special interests are influencing our elected representation, the media is searching for a 30-second sound bite. Seemingly, these sound bites can become more important than all the other things a politician does. The media often choose to overlook mountains and create their own tempest in a teapot, e.g., the famous $200 hair cut.

Lani Guinier is a metaphor, a spectacle of government by media. Guinier represents the best of what integration is supposed to be about. President Clinton, her friend, acquiesced to factions and popular convention by allowing Guinier's nomination to die. Bubba has been mush-mouthed on his originally outright support for gays in the military and Guinier. He has inched toward the center to shore up his allegedly sagging popularity and to quell conservative media criticism. But he is losing the faith of his constituency. The media opined "loony Lani" and "strange hair." These phrases defame and trivialize Guinier.

But, the Great God Media leaves little room for imperfection, difference, vision or leadership on unpopular issues. Part of the reason is that major media rarely integrates non-establishment, non-assimilationist perceptions into its fold. Major media never knows when to say *enough is enough*. The media too often mirrors the fears of a society which does not want to accept difference, accept complicity, share equality, avoid sensationalism and show discretion. Does Clinton think now that the conservatives see that he can be so easily moved, now that they have drawn blood, that they are going to stop and compromise?

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Clinton has allowed Bob Dole and other bullies to rebuke him like a wayward child. He has committed the ultimate sin for a powerful white man in Washington: Appearing too sensitive and weak. Tongues wag about what his "love" of gays, his being moved to tears, his friendship with David Mixner, his having gays in the oval office (gasp!), his smoking grass, his not joining the military, his protesting the Vietnam war and his $200 haircut mean. Is he...(gasp) different, somehow? *These are non-issues!* I'm more interested in finding out if he has the courage of his convictions.

Clinton has been on the defensive, downplaying his screwed-up media image. He has allowed the media to set his agenda for him from his hair cuts to his executive appointments to his policy, rather than providing strong, clear leadership based upon his values and moral convictions. That was why he was put in office! He has brought in Ol' Boy David Gergen, a Republican expert on Republican pacification and dullness to help him assimilate into the existing status quo. What kind of integration is that?

Nothing changes without the concerted efforts of dissidents to make it happen. By not affirming who we are and our rights to be so, we allow some in society to pretend the obvious doesn't exist. We Americans share too many symbolic rituals without understanding the courage and substance behind them. The new integration does not

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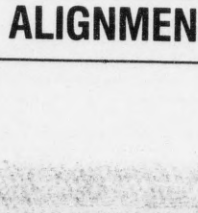

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memorialize its humble beginnings. Bricks, dogs and vicious whites were shown responding to dissident Martin Luther King on TV. The sacrifices of the Blacks and whites who fought for integration made the degree of pluralism we have in our society today possible. Many of the new beneficiaries of our civil disobedience do not seem to recognize this investment in their success.

INTEGRATED PILLOW TALK

Integration into real power and integration of a more personal nature is still something of an anomaly in our society. For some, integration means assimilation. Often, the white integrationist expects the non-white to whom he relates to conform. And sometimes the non-white does conform in exchange for other considerations, not the least of which might be some acceptance and validation. The same thing goes on in same-race relationships, but there is a level of vulnerability over race and cross-cultural issues that does not exist in same-race or same-culture relationships.

Personally, I find assimilation to be almost as ugly a word as tolerance. It implies change of the non-white for the "better" in appearance, dress and manner. Whether imitating the dominant culture is better is debatable. Assimilation implies homogenization with almost no cultural edges showing—or only those edges which amuse or excite, in a Pygmalion sort of way. Hence, some assimilationists may feel that all that is acceptable about non-whites is adapted from whites, and all that is not, is essentially non-white and in need of scrutiny and approval or disapproval. Similarly, some find that all that is acceptable about gays is adapted from straights, and all that is not, is essentially queer.

What kind of integration is that?

For some, integration often means a little sexual exotica with someone totally dissimilar, never sharing in each other's lifestyles. By integration, some mean sharing in the cultural lifestyles of two separate cultures, never completely breaking with either nor fully belonging to either. For some, integration means remaining who you are while I remain who I am, without having to justify it, categorize it, while we, as Rodney King said, "Get along together."

For some, integration means limited acceptance, depending upon the degree of interaction on a social, sexual or political level. Perhaps we go to the same church but we can't live next door to each other. Perhaps we work together, but we can't go out socially or date. Perhaps we will have some quick, anonymous sex, but we won't acknowledge each other the next time we meet. What kind of integration is that?

Through integration, some mean to do the right thing. Integration seems to be the politically correct thing to do. Some may not have given much thought to the personal dynamics associated with such a liaison, or their ongoing responsibilities associated with social change. Some see integration as an opportunity for a hustle—a vulnerability of which the less scrupulous among us take advantage.

We integrationists have our problems. There is no simplistic answer for everyone. Just because we get it on does not mean that we are ethical, or that we particularly care for each other. This is a hard reality to face. Yet we integrationists accept the challenge, brave the storm of controversy, and try finding the brands of interchange that best suit us. Finding what we want comes more easily for some than doing what needs to be done for the greater good of all. We do not receive any accolades or social favors for being integrationists. In fact, we run the risk of alienating friends and family. Having a significant other from another racial or cultural group does not win any sanction from society.

Integrationists must learn to share some hard realities if they wish to sustain relationships. Nonwhites may have less career mobility, are more likely to be unemployed, may have a shorter lifespan, may experience greater economic difficulty, may receive less validation and more rejection from whites, are more likely to have their contributions exploited and ignored. These truths are part of the package to be dealt with, along with some pain, and whatever emotional baggage we each may bring with us into relationships. Whatever motivates us to traverse the norms of sexual and ethnic choice, integration leads to courageous and often difficult lifestyles. Sometimes we are quite alone. Sometimes we think our choices are better hidden. But someone of whom you are proud seldom feels that way. Sometimes our choices are the talk of the town. Yet integration enriches our cultural lives and is its own reward.

We are on the brink of another social metamorphosis. The late '70s brought a backlash curtailing integration and the cessation of Black economic gain. Reagan withdrew moral support and courted whites who believe their success depends upon Black failure. But increasingly, whites are also experiencing the role of the outcast, the lack of employment, the need for entitlement programs, the tragedy of homelessness. Increasingly, they are seeing the need for coalitions to survive. We will not achieve integration into a revised mainstream unless we revise our coalitions, unless we leave our hate behind and fight for change from the top—together.

The forces which oppress us are betting that won't happen. And we will lose ground unless we learn to not oppress each other; stand with our own, and others who are oppressed in different ways. Our work is cut out for us. It is possible to change the most egregious circumstances, if we can find hope and faith in each other.

Integration is an important bridge in coalition-building. We need each other's strength and perseverance on both sides—especially now. Whites also must find new champions to reverse their notions of "ethnic cleansing," neo-Nazism and apartheid. Whites must face their propensity for seeking military resolutions; the need to control and not share power; to reinforce the structures which support the leaders who advocate respect and cultural dialogue between the Third World and the First World.

The First Amendment and Title VII need further clarification. No group should be allowed to foment hate against another group. The rights of each minority must be protected because, ultimately, we are each minorities. Groups which can be proven to foment hate crimes and violence against others should be made illegal.

The powerful benefit from my oppression, your oppression. They do not choose to deal with skinheads, the White Aryan Resistance, the Klan or the drug cartels as forcefully as they did with the Panthers, as they do with the warlords in Somalia, Panama or Grenada because it does not serve their interests. We have to wake up to the real danger we are in. Integration is a choice for peace and unity. There are hate-mongering families out there teaching their children to kill us. They are planning for an insurrection. As long as there are forces loose in our society whose aim is to annihilate Blacks, gays, whites, Jews, Asians and Hispanics, hatred will not die and integration will not be resolved as an issue.

I see the media as more influential than the framers of the constitution certainly could have envisioned. In light of the media's evolving power and influence, are they doing their job? The media, like it or not, has become a catalyst for change. What we choose to cover assigns significance and is a serious responsibility which, when better judgment prevails, is often in conflict with ratings, advertisers, and the time to develop what we want to present. I see the price of excellence in journalism in much the same way as I do integration: If we do not take care, the prize may be lost before it has been won. ✿

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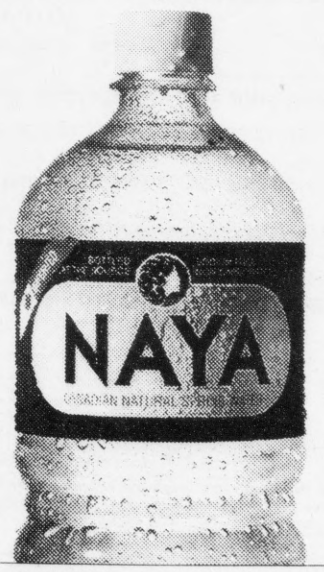

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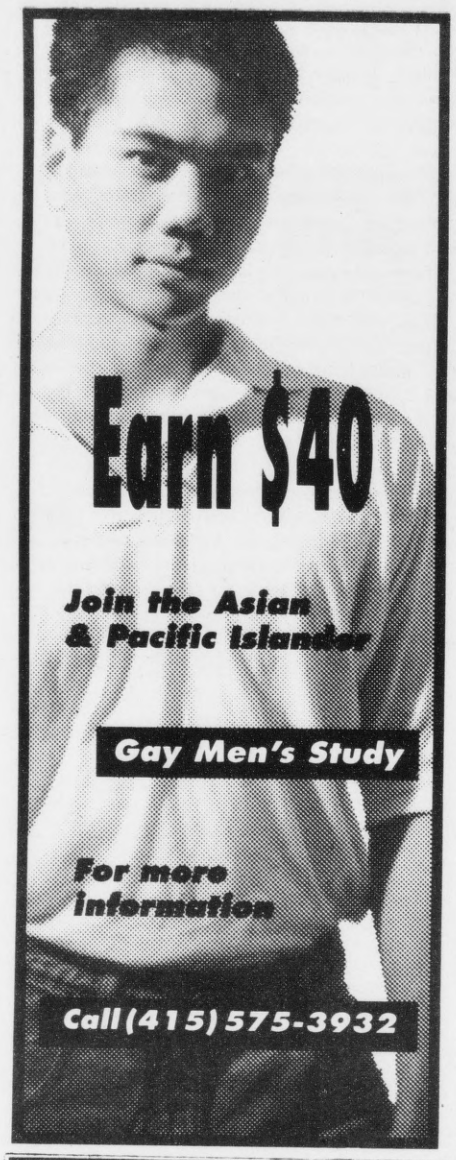

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FDA Begins Clampdown on Buyers' Clubs

On May 25, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration wrote, in a two-and-a-half page letter to its list of AIDS-related buyers' clubs, that the "FDA has become increasingly concerned about certain potential threats to the health of people with AIDS and advanced HIV disease posed by the activities of some groups." The letter received immediate public attention, with coverage the next day in both *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

The letter focused mostly but not entirely on the FDA's personal-use import policy, which allows patients to import small quantities of medicines available abroad for their own use, under certain conditions. This policy is not AIDS specific, but applies to other diseases as well.

The letter explains that the FDA is undertaking two courses of action:

> First, the FDA will intensify its communications with various interested groups: physicians with expertise in treating HIV-infected patients; patient advocacy organizations with experience in therapeutic issues; and other federal, state and local bodies with broad HIV-related medical experience. FDA will initiate an intensive dialogue with these individuals and groups in an attempt to catalog those products that are reported to have the greatest medical promise for HIV-infected individuals and are not yet legally available in the United States. FDA will then explore appropriate mechanisms to help make these products more widely available as scientific data are gathered. We would like to begin this process in the very near future, and would appreciate your thoughts and suggestions in this matter.
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> Second, in this letter, FDA is reiterating and emphasizing the significance of several aspects of the personal use importation policy.
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> 1) According to the policy: "The individual seeking to import the product affirms in writing that it is for the patient's own use (generally not more than a three-month supply) and provides the name and address of the doctor licensed in the U.S. responsible for his or her treatment with the product or provides evidence that the product is for the continuation of a treatment begun in a foreign country."
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> Documentary evidence should be available for immediate review on-site, demonstrating that any patient importing products for personal use has a licensed physician who is accepting responsibility for the patient's care, including the administration of the imported product. FDA does not believe that the best interests of any individual are served by having access to drugs for serious conditions without adequate physician oversight.
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> 2) According to the policy: "There is no known commercialization or promotion to persons residing in the U.S. by those involved in the distribution of the product at issue."
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> Commercialization or promotion may include meetings, mailings, media advertising, media discussions or similar activities regarding particular therapies. Promotion and commercialization are frequently characteristics of the kinds of deception and health fraud that expose people with life-threatening conditions to ineffective and dangerous products. Promotion and commercialization of unapproved new drugs are violations of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
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> 3) According to the policy: "The product is considered not to represent an unreasonable risk."
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> This statement includes products manufactured by unknown sources or under unknown manufacturing conditions as well as products that carry inherent safety risks regardless of manufacturing concerns. These products' increased risk of contamination, variable potency and lack of quality assurance represent a substantial hazard for individuals with serious diseases, particularly those with suppression of their immune systems.

BUYERS' CLUBS AND THE FDA: AN INTERVIEW WITH RANDY WYKOFF, M.D.

Randy Wykoff, M.D., is director of the FDA's Office of AIDS Coordination, in charge of coordinating all of FDA's AIDS-related activities, including communicating with the public on AIDS issues. The following interview took place on May 5, as a continuation of our interview with David Feigal, M.D., director of the Division of Antiviral Drug Products.

(Wykoff) As the Commissioner Kessler has said, the FDA is committed to identifying products that hold promise, and to make them available under an expanded access program. One thing the community needs to think about is what is the best mechanism to identify those potential treatments.

There may be products that many people, including some physicians, believe have some merit. For those people who have no other options, we think that there are ways the FDA can participate in making those products available through legal means, and we'd like to do that. The challenge lies in finding the mechanisms to identify those products.

We have also discussed some of our concerns about products obtained through the underground —including the medical information which is lost when products are taken without medical supervision, the potential risks to the people taking these drugs, and so on. We are sensitive to the fact that people with AIDS and other diseases want to have access to the most promising products.

(AIDS Treatment News) What are your concerns about the buyers' clubs?

As you know, we have been communicating regularly with the clubs over the past year-and-a-half, and we have some increasing concerns, not just about the self-identified clubs, but about other groups that are purporting to act like buyers' clubs. From the FDA standpoint, we do not recognize a legal entity called a "buyers' club." So basically anybody doing almost anything can call themselves a buyers' club.

The areas where we have most concerns generally fall into three categories. We are very concerned about the lack of physician involvement in the care of people getting products through alternative mechanisms. We don't believe that the best interest of any patient is served by having products without their physicians' involvement. So we certainly want to move in the direction of increasing physician involvement.

Secondly, we are concerned about the growing promotion and commercialization of products. I'm referring not just to those groups the AIDS-affected communities might recognize as a buyers' club, but to anybody who purports to be acting as a club. Clearly promotion and commercialization provide a framework by which individuals can begin to conduct health scams and frauds, and other related activities.

The community is leaning toward asking that a buyers' club be a legally registered nonprofit organization, with a board composed of patients

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or people close to patients making the decisions in an open way, under the tax laws that require some public reporting and accountability. That wouldn't answer all of your concerns, but at least it would narrow the scope of potential conflict.

As we've said in the past, access to unapproved products is not a single thing, it's a broad spectrum. At one end you have the involvement of a physician and a knowledgeable patient, and a legitimate desire to get the most promising product. At the other end of that same spectrum is the classic snake-oil salesman who is profiting on the desperation of the terminally ill. Our challenge is to make sure that we take those actions that are in the best interest of the public health. Promotion and commercialization are problems to us.

Our third area of major concern is products from unknown sources. While this is particularly true of injectables, it is true of any product. When the personal-use import policy was put into place, as an exercise of the agency's enforcement discretion, the sense was that this would be under limited circumstances and for people who would gain access to a legitimate product in another country that just wasn't available in the U.S. There are many risks to people with HIV from taking products from bathtub laboratories or unknown sources in other countries.

Those are our three areas of major concern, all of which are related to protecting the public health, which is our main motivation in this. In the next month or so, we will be communicating with leaders of the AIDS-affected communities and the buyers' clubs and others, and expressing these general points to them. At the same time, we will ask them for input into ways in which promising products really can be identified, to be made available through legal means.

This really needs to be a dialog process. We're all moving toward the same outcome together. If your readers have comments on what Dr. Feigal said [see *SF Bay Times*, June 3], or what I said, they can contact me, and we can either respond directly or take them into consideration.

AN EVALUATION OF THE FDA POSITION

We are publishing this preliminary outline of concerns because it is important that persons who are interested in treatment access move quickly to decide what we want, explore areas of consensus, and explain any concerns about current policy directions of the FDA.

(1) While no figures are available, everything we know suggests that the great majority of persons who obtain medicines from abroad with the help of AIDS buyers' clubs are using them in consultation with a physician. In fact, in the historical examples of ddC and probably of clarithromycin, both obtained through buyers' clubs before their U.S. approval, the common pattern, in San Francisco at least, was for patients to go to the buyers' clubs at the suggestion of their physician. Few patients make such decisions on their own without medical assistance, and the AIDS treatment community strongly discourages people from doing so.

But for physicians, monitoring the use of an unapproved drug when no other therapy is satisfactory, or even suggesting its use to patients, is different from allowing themselves to be listed on an official form used to grant their patients access to drugs not approved in the U.S. The perceived problem is not with the FDA, and probably not with state medical authorities, but with malpractice insurance. Requiring the name on the form could put physicians in the difficult position of having to balance professional risks to themselves against the welfare of their patients.

This turn toward greater enforcement of the documentation requirement (including the physician's name) does not seem to have resulted from any problem which actually occurred in the context of the AIDS buyers' clubs. It seems more

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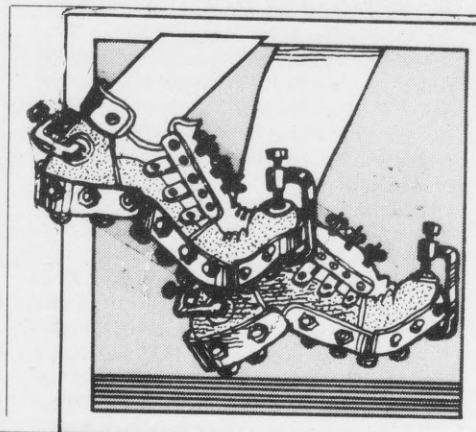

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likely that the real target is elsewhere—especially offshore operations which make a business of selling unapproved drugs to Americans (usually not for AIDS). The FDA strongly opposes these businesses, which often cite the personal-import policy as legal grounds to protect what they are doing. The FDA has been accused of uneven enforcement of the law, giving special privileges to people with AIDS. In the continuing atmosphere of substantial public hostility against AIDS, such charges may carry weight in some circles, even though the FDA clearly knows the difference between a fast-buck operation on the borderline of the laws, and a nonprofit self-help group with no other purpose than providing access to rational and legitimate treatment options for persons with life-threatening diseases. The FDA has the enforcement discretion to make this distinction, and we suspect that were it not for the stigma around AIDS, it would not be embarrassed about using it.

What happens in the future will depend on what the FDA intends. In the worst case, if they want to shut down much of the personal-use import policy, they have positioned themselves well to do so. For in the ongoing emergencies and stress of major illness, with hundreds of patients receiving drugs, there will certainly be cases where documentation is not in order. As a result, the FDA could successfully raise the issue at any time, presenting itself to the press and public as protecting patients from unscrupulous organizations which sold them unapproved drugs without their physicians' involvement.

We do not believe that the FDA's intent is to make the import policy unworkable. But we do remember that back in the clarithromycin days, the ongoing battle was with bureaucrats who wanted to require a separate shipment from abroad for each patient, despite the fact that the drug was often needed urgently. The recent letter lays the groundwork for similar problems in the future, by expressing a policy which, if fully enforced, is likely to be unworkable for the reasons cited above. This is why the community is concerned.

(2) The "drugs from unknown sources" warning is also a cause for concern, in that most new treatments are likely to start that way.

This issue was set to arise next with the "tat drug," the only tat inhibitor in human trials, which has been developed slowly by Hoffmann-La Roche. As of this writing, the word in the community is that the Roche tat drug is not working well. If the current rumors are confirmed, there will be little or no market for the drug, so it will not be a potential source of dispute between the FDA and the AIDS community. But the issue will likely arise with other drugs.

(3) The area addressed by the FDA's letter where there is least concern in the AIDS community is commercialization or promotion. There is a sense that if something is truly important, people will learn about it without being prompted—and that it is wrong to create markets for unapproved products for serious illnesses. People want the freedom of access after they have made their own decisions; they don't want exploitation of the desperate, nor additional confusion introduced by commercial campaigns.

(4) The basic thrust of the FDA's approach is to substitute legally recognized means of access to potentially useful unapproved treatments—such as the expanded access programs for drugs in development—for the AIDS treatment underground that has now existed for several years. No one disputes that the recognized means are better, in that anyone would choose to use a drug manufactured to FDA-approved standards of quality control over a version of the drug that was not. But at the same time, we cannot find anybody who believes that the currently available means of making experimental treatments available will always meet the need. Because of fundamental problems in the U.S. medical and drug-development systems, there will always be legitimate, significant cases where a necessary treatment is not available through any of the legally recognized means, but is obtainable otherwise. And when these cases do arise, it is the community's consensus that patients working with their physicians should be able to make rational medical decisions

Any organization has two kinds of motivations which guide its policies and actions. One relates to its stated fundamental mission— in the FDA's case, protecting the public health. The other relates to institutional self-interest and sometimes to unstated missions. These can include: maintaining the appearance of consistency; protecting itself against criticism; positioning itself for favorable publicity; maintaining the medical monopoly of large, well-financed interests, which has done so much to limit the options for practical treatment development and to increase the cost of care; and preventing the development of institutions fundamentally at variance with the existing system (such as offshore businesses to supply unapproved drugs). We do not know the relative strengths of these two basic motivations in this case—and the FDA itself may not know, either. But both must exist, even though only the former is publicly reported in the FDA's statements above.

The reason motivation is important is that, to the extent that public health is primary, the FDA can work together with everyone else involved to increase access to important treatments through legally recognized means, thus automatically shrinking the role of the treatment underground without denying access to patients. But to the extent that the FDA basically wants to get rid of alternative means of treatment access, and develops public-health rationales as justifications or other tools toward that end, there will be conflict.

The ultimate danger of fighting over access to unapproved treatments is that it would distract from the real issue—improving the drug-development system and working together to find treatments that do work and are approved, which would end the debate over unapproved treatments. But meanwhile we also face an immediate danger. If the communities interested in treatments for AIDS and other diseases are not assertive enough in negotiating to protect their interests, policy directions may be set in a vacuum, in the absence of real examples. Then when important but unrecognized drugs or research opportunities do come into view, the regulatory system will be an obstacle rather than an ally.

We must plan for the unexpected, since that is where so many of the most important advances occur. We need expanded access to known promising drugs, and will work with the FDA on this. But we also need regulatory flexibility—the slack or breathing room that allows people to make the dysfunctional drug-development and access systems work. We have had flexibility in the past; the current unease reflects a fear that there could be less of it in the future.

If you have any comments or information concerning the subjects covered in this article, you can send them to: Randy Wykoff, M.D., Office of AIDS Coordination, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Dr. Wykoff can also be reached by fax at (301) 443-4555, or by phone at (301) 443-0104. AIDS Treatment News *would also appreciate hearing about these issues from our readers.*

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Curcumin Update: Could Food Spice Be Low-Cost Antiviral?

In March 1993, researchers at Harvard Medical School published results of laboratory tests of a new method of screening for potential AIDS drugs. They used genetically engineered cells to test for inhibitors of the "LTR" (long terminal repeat) sequence in HIV; the LTR is important for viral activation. The new test found three inhibitors; one of them is curcumin, a chemical found in the food spice turmeric. Curcumin is the ingredient which gives curry its yellow color. It was effective against HIV in both acutely and chronically infected cells.

In Trinidad, about 40 percent of the population is of Indian descent, and uses curry extensively in its diet. Another 40 percent of the population is of African descent, and seldom uses curry. Several years ago, studies of AIDS in Trinidad found that persons of African descent were more than 10 times as likely to have the disease as persons of Indian descent.

AIDS Treatment News has received several anecdotal reports from our readers at their experience with curcumin:

One reader started using a turmeric extract with a very high concentration of curcumin—about 100 times the concentration in ordinary turmeric—which he obtained from a San Francisco health-food store. He started using it on May 7, 1993. A week later his regularly scheduled blood tests showed a substantial drop in p24 antigen. This unexpected change impressed his physician, a leading AIDS specialist in San Francisco.

The product he used was supplied in capsules, each containing "300 mg. turmeric extract concentrated and standardized for a minimum of preferred 95 percent curcumin" in a base of whole turmeric, according to the label on the bottle. He took three capsules three times a day— about 2.5 grams of curcumin per day, for a person who weighs about 100 kg.

We mention this single case because it may be the first time that anyone has taken curcumin as a potential treatment for HIV, and compared viral-activity measurements before and after starting.

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Curcumin is not soluble in water, and animal tests have found very little of it in the bloodstream after it is eaten. Therefore, it would seem that this chemical could not work as an oral drug. But other researchers have reported much higher absorption—as much as 60 percent or more. And in laboratory studies curcumin is often given to animals in the diet, and various effects are noted.

This apparent contradiction is resolved by results of animal tests, some with radioactive curcumin. Much of the radioactivity does reach the blood and organs, even though the curcumin doesn't—meaning that the curcumin must have been changed into something else and absorbed in a different form. The same team had earlier reported that about 60 percent of the curcumin was absorbed, since only about 40 percent of the quantity administered was found remaining in the gut—although only traces were found in the blood. Another paper by the same group concluded that "curcumin undergoes transformation during absorption from the intestine," and noted an unidentified compound that it was changed into. So the fact that chemists do not find curcumin in the blood when they look for it does not rule out the possibility that oral use could have biological effects.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The information above is only suggestive, and does not show that curcumin will have any use in treating AIDS. Most new drug or treatment ideas fail, after later information shows that they are not useful. For curcumin as for any new treatment, the odds are that it, too, will be one of the failures.

But the possibility that curcumin or turmeric might be useful in treating HIV or AIDS is so important that it must be studied further without delay. Curcumin is known to be safe, at least in low and moderate doses, and could be available to everyone. Also, in the laboratory tests it was active against HIV not only in acutely infected but also in chronically infected cells—where the currently approved drugs such as AZT are ineffective.

We do not know of anybody anywhere in the world doing such a study, or making plans to do so, or otherwise following up on curcumin as a possible AIDS treatment. This is not unusual; there has never been a serious institutional effort to test such treatment leads in early human trials. Medical research is expensive, and requires considerable effort and resources to make anything happen. Those with the resources—mainly large pharmaceutical companies—have little commercial or professional incentive to test low-cost, non-proprietary treatments. And government and non-profit research organizations have usually failed to focus on the critical need for getting safe, inexpensive treatment possibilities into small but credible tests for biological activity in humans.

We hope this article will help bring this treatment possibility to wider attention, so that the appropriate research can be organized.

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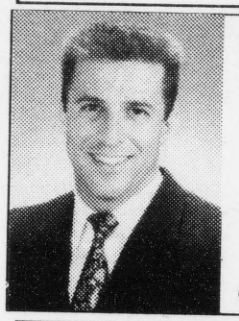

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Letters...

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perpetuates the pain.

We tell a woman that we want to be "friends," and then never return her phone calls! What does it mean to call myself "woman-loving" and yet treat other women so casually?

So many of us, including myself, are or have been in therapy, 12-step and/or other recovery programs, and I think that's great for helping individuals. However, I wonder if it would be possible to move toward establishing programs, awareness/discussion groups, workshops, classes, etc. as a community that would help us begin to acknowledge the extent of our own homophobia, and then take steps to confront and reduce it?

Yolanda DeByle
San Francisco

Perspective on the Mayor's Budget

Tim Kingston's analysis of the Mayor's doomsday budget proposal is frightening ("Kill the Poor: Frank Jordan's Lethal Budget," *SF Bay Times*, June 3). Like articles on Guatemala or toxic waste dumping, it was very hard for me to read because of its painful message. It is difficult to grasp how quickly life as I have known it for my 48 years is changing, and how services I have taken for granted all these years are either disappearing or being cut drastically.

To help me put what is happening in perspective, I realize San Francisco is not an isolated phenomenon. The movement to reduce social services and to privatize national industries or public services (like schools, hospitals or prisons) is taking place in every city and state and in virtually every country in the world. It is part of the economic change resulting from GATT and NAFTA agreements to internationalize "free trade" and to support transnational corporations at the expense of national and local businesses and agriculture.

For almost 20 years, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have been forcing the economies of large "debtor" countries like Jamaica, Mexico and Brazil to cut social services and privatize state run enterprises. Since the United States is now the largest "debtor" country in the world, it should come as no surprise to see the same thing happening here. Mexico has completely restructured its economy to service its "debt" for the past ten years and has seen every index for quality of life severely eroded as a result. The "debt," however, is still the same—ten years later.

I would like to make some concrete suggestions on how to proceed. First, fight like hell to retain as many services as possible in our local budget, but also look at a bigger picture. It is important to organize to defeat the NAFTA "free trade" agreement between Canada, Mexico and the United States, and to help build an international movement to fight the trend of cutbacks and privatization of essential services everywhere by transnational corporations. We can also join the campaign for a Canadian-style single payer health care system that would nationalize health care and eliminate the wasteful role of insurance companies in usurping precious health care dollars for needless advertising, administrative costs and sky-high executive salaries.

Finally, it's extremely important to get out of our heads the idea that America is better than anyplace else and that we live in "the greatest country on earth." We have seen time and again that the transnational corporations will pack up and go wherever they can make the most money, regardless of how long, hard or cheaply their employees have worked for them here. They analyze every country both as a market and as a source of labor, and the capital flow and campaign contributions follow. Loyalty means nothing but lost profit opportunities.

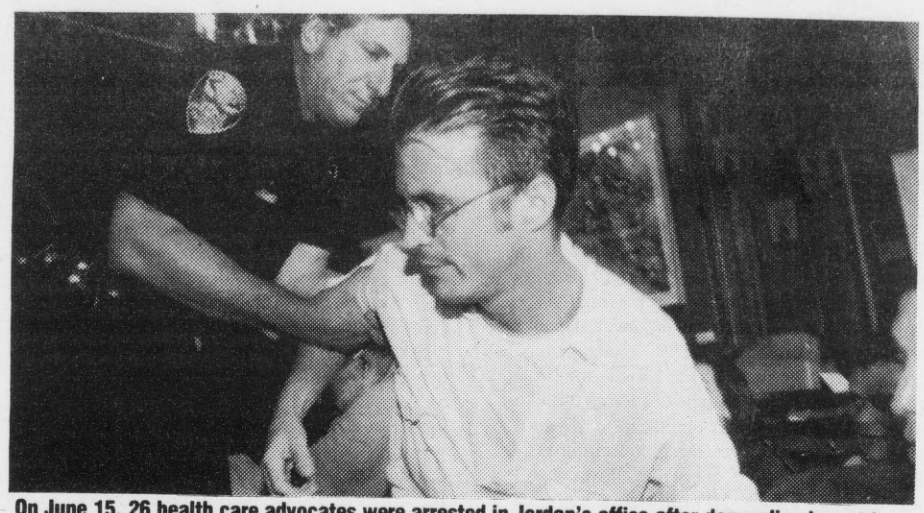
We have seen how the Republican and Democratic parties they control joined forces to create the "debt" in the first place through needless military spending and corruption and now will suck the blood out of our public services in order to "pay it back." Working people in this country are in a similar place as working people in Mexico, Korea or anyplace else vis-a-vis international capital. Although our standard of living on the average is still higher, especially for European Americans, things are changing rapidly. My last concrete suggestion is for us to fight racism and chauvinistic "America first" attitudes in all their many forms and to build a political movement and a party independent of the Republicrats. Push Clinton and Congress as hard as we can, but personally, I think the only thing that will change things is for enough of us to get sufficiently pissed off, educated and united that we can no longer be ignored.

Charlie Hinton
San Francisco

Harvey—One of Many

Today I too had a "rather disheartening experience": I read Tony G. Meyer's letter. ("Never Forget Harvey," *SF Bay Times*, June 3) While he was a "naive youth in Utah" I was among the thousands who participated in the emergence of the Castro as a gay neighborhood. Harvey Milk was one of *many* courageous men and women, not the colossal Christ figure of Meyer's fantasy world. Gay liberation was a community effort and we had a lot of help from straights (like Willie Brown, who got the sex laws changed years before Harvey's election as supervisor).

It was sweet of Meyer to celebrate Harvey's birthday, but to expect everyone to want to worship at *his* favorite shrine *is* naive. His disappointment suggests a lack of mental contact with and understanding of others (young people?). Since he wrote that



On June 15, 26 health care advocates were arrested in Jordan's office after demanding he put back the $90 million his proposed budget takes out. Call to make your demands known! Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

"the sentiment of Harvey... was one of celebration and frivolity," why was he so shocked that "it seemed only 20 percent or so of the people" in a Castro bar complied with his request to appreciate the occasion on *his* terms?

Amid all Meyer's pathetic pleas for us to do this and that stands an even more pathetic and hilarious malapropism: "The enormity of Harvey's impact." Despite gradual shifts in the meaning of some words over time, the primary definition of "enormity" remains "outrageous or heinous character; atrociousness."

Perhaps an appropriate caption for Meyer's letter would have been *And After All Harvey Done For You!*

Charlie Buel
San Mateo

Thanks from the Brick II

I wanted to thank everyone who attended the opening of the Brick II. We raised several thousand dollars for the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, and managed to have a wonderful time doing it.

The response to the Brick II was so positive, MT Productions will continue the Friday night events through July 9, and possibly longer.

I did want to publicly acknowledge that any statements made in my advertising were never intended to give the impression that the previous owners of the Baybrick Inn were reviving their club. MT Productions has no affiliation with the previous owners of the Baybrick Inn, and never intended to imply otherwise. I do apologize to the "Baybrick family" for perhaps seeming to have taken credit for their hard work.

The Baybrick Inn was a landmark club, thanks to the love and care the staff put into it every day of the week. You all deserve acknowledgment for the brilliant club you created. I am proud to have been chosen to promote out of the space and hope it can be as wonderfully magical for my customers as you made it for yours.

Mariah Hanson
MT Productions
The Girl Spot, The Brick II, Skirts
San Francisco

KGO's Journalism?

The following letter was sent to "Channel 7 News," KGO-TV:

On June 1, I attended the congratulatory street rally for recently confirmed Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Roberta Achtenberg. Your coverage of that event and the related story on your 11 pm newscast that night was irresponsible and insulting to the gay/lesbian community.

The only quote you used from Ms. Achtenberg's speech was, curiously enough, the one quote my friends and I agreed would be used by right-wing Sen. Jesse Helms, out of context (about bringing "the San Francisco way to the rest of the nation"). You then interviewed people in the East Bay who did not know who Roberta Achtenberg was (Did they know the names of any San Francisco supervisors? Any Cabinet undersecretaries? What was the point?), instead of quoting the many speakers who attested to Supervisor Achtenberg's commitment to all constituencies and to the fact that gays and les-

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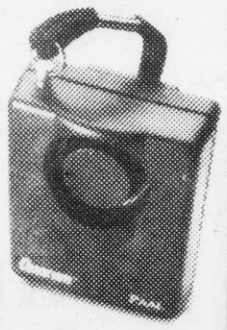
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bians around the nation are indebted to her groundbreaking role and her grace under pressure.

As if trivializing this heroic figure were not enough, you then interviewed Mark Zapalick, the notoriously anti-gay Traditional Values Coalition rep for Walnut Creek, who informed your viewers that Roberta Achtenberg was responsible for kicking the Boy Scouts out of San Francisco schools. *This is a lie!* If your reporter or producer had read any newspaper accounts during the confirmation squabble, you would have known this was a lie.

Other news shows that night included Supervisor Achtenberg's afternoon goodbye to the board; speakers and interviews with individuals at the rally attesting to Achtenberg's integrity, intelligence and long, distinguished career. But the only "authority" interviewed on Channel 7 was someone who's made a career of denigrating gays and lesbians. The only "fact" presented was already established to be a lie.

I would really like an answer to the question: How do you justify these choices on any journalistic basis? I await your answer and I hope that, during the many gay/lesbian events in the upcoming month, our community will keep a close watch on KGO and your correspondents to see if this anti-gay bias continues.

Henry Mach
San Francisco

Postal Employees Unite

Gay and lesbian employees of the United States Postal Service in the Northland District, which includes large areas of Minnesota and Wisconsin, are pleased to inform your readers of the existence of the Gay/Lesbian Postal Employees Network (G/L PEN).

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Membership in the G/L PEN is open to any gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or gay/lesbian-sensitive employee. Our mission is: "To serve as an advocate for all sexual minority employees and advance their recognition and legitimacy within the United States Postal Service."

While the G/L PEN functions as a support group for those who attend meetings, we are focusing the majority of our effort on effecting change in the workplace. To achieve our agenda, we've formed "action teams" to work on various objectives.

The G/L PEN is encouraged by the Postal Service's recent creation of a Vice President for Cultural Diversity. We believe the time has come for us to receive the recognition and benefits due us. It is our hope that postal employees among your readers will also wish to organize networks. To that end we offer assistance to those who inquire. We can be reached through PO Box 580397, Minneapolis MN 55458-0397.

Richard E. Evans
Co-coordinator, G/L PEN
Minneapolis, MN

Fat Is Okay

In response to "Fat Is Overindulgence" and "Free to Be...." in the June 3 issue, I am frustrated with the thinking that goes into the belief that "Fat is overindulgence." We are all different. To assume that all fat people overindulge is ignorant. Everyone has different metabolisms and genetic predispositions. To assume that someone is not healthy because they are fat is ridiculous. Self-acceptance is hard in a society that tells us our body is not okay the way it is. To lump all fat people into the same category as addicts is oppression. We all know about that.

I am in agreement with the writer of "Free to Be...." A personal ad is our opportunity to ask for what we want. But when it includes clear prejudice it's important to examine ourselves around these opinions. No matter what you want to call it, oppression is oppression.

Abbe Feigenberg
Oakland

More Than Enough Intolerance

These exercises in high-falutin' lesbian tautology would be amusing if they weren't so damned sinister. I, personally, am a fat lesbian leatherwoman lust puppy who is very happily domestically partnered to another fat lesbian leatherwoman lust puppy. I'm not about to spend four hours at a gym per day to look like your Jodie Foster fantasy, but I don't consider your diet colas oppressive. I have bisexual exlovers and MTF transsexual lesbian friends. I watch morris dancing and I do clog. My lover and I have three cats and five carnivorous plants. Am I a reject yet?

Now, about this "fat vs. fit" debate, which also irks me ("Fat is Overindulgence," *SF Bay Times*, Letters, June 3). The truth is, genetics play much more of a role in body size than diet. Medical obesity specialists have pretty much thrown in the towel regarding dieting. Ninety-five percent of diets fail regularly, with most folks gaining all or more of their weight back two years after dieting, and this statistic includes long-term diet maintenance programs. So it isn't, as Ms. One-who-thinks-healthy-equals-thin-lesbian asserts, quite like drugging or drinking. If you overeat, you could get fat (unless you're dealing with bulimia or anorexia), but if you are fat, that doesn't necessarily mean you overeat. It definitely doesn't follow that you're unhealthy if you're fat or you're healthy if you're thin.

If anyone cites "fit and trim" in their personal ad, that's their personal taste. However, condemning or de-lesbianizing (is that a word?) someone because they're too fat, too feminine, too butch, too pretty, too short, too dark or not ethnic enough, not vanilla enough or not kinky enough, not homosexual enough, not healthy enough, not a "natural-born womyn," *ad nauseam*, is truly ridiculous—who's gonna be the ultimate judge of all this, hmmm? It's true that the personal is political, but to command that the political should be personal only serves to set up more intolerance and we do have more than enough of that, thank you.

One who *is* a healthy lesbian...

Lisa K. Clayton
South San Francisco

Silly Proportions

First question: Are there people whose weight is proportionate to someone else's height? At the risk of contributing to another endless, emotional debate about fat women, I felt compelled to respond to the letters in the *SF Bay Times* ("Free to Be..." June 3) defending the term "weight proportionate to height," which appears to have been coined by some puny-minded individual, and which has been eagerly latched onto by scores of chickenshit English-language-abusing *SF Bay Times* personals advertisers, in a feeble attempt to avoid use of the dreaded three-letter "F" word.

The "weight proportionate" thing is just plain silly. Proportionate means "balanced, just, equivalent, pro rata, uniform, harmonious." I, and apparently a number of women who, over the years, have

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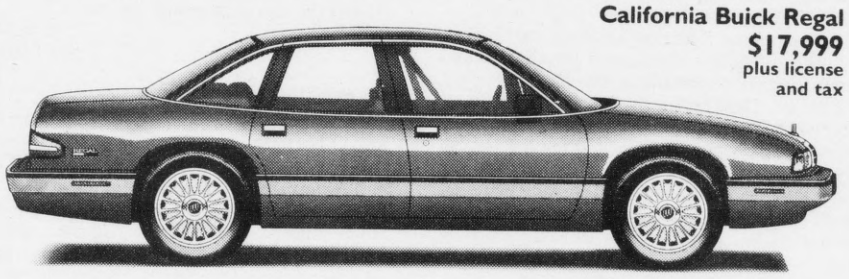

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wanted to roll in the proverbial hay with me, find my body "balanced and harmonious" in the extreme. Assuming that the use of "proportionate" is not based in notions of "equivalence" or "uniformity" (in other words, as tall as one is wide), I am a classic and stunning example of one whose weight is most excellently proportioned to her height. Yet, inexplicably, I am also quite fat.

In the interest of accurate use of English, I therefore suggest the use of the startlingly simple alternative of "no fat women." "Big" and "large" might preclude tall people from responding to your ads, so consider carefully before you stray too far from the oh-so-useful "F" word. A word to the wise (and with that caution, I'm really giving some folks the benefit of the doubt)—don't condition your ads hastily. I've had the experience of women telling me, "Well, you're not fat," when what they really mean is, "I'm attracted to a fat woman and because fat women are ugly this fat woman can't possibly be fat." So take it to your therapist, or your consciousness raising group, or take the risk that the gorgeous woman of your dreams wears a size 24 mini-skirt.

And to the writer of the "fat is ugly" letter, please behave. I might identify you on the street, where my "weight proportionate" bulk may "accidentally" fall upon you, irreparably crushing many important bones and causing vital organs to explode. At the moment, I feel an almost irresistible urge to do so.

Try to keep it all in proportion.

Amy C. Hirschkron
Size 24-ish
San Francisco

Please Do Not Edit *My* Reality!

Editing is not merely "fixing" or "polishing up." Editing is cutting, censoring and rearranging words in order to be presentable—to whom? As a Jew, I've often been told that I "talk backwards." My expressions are "low class" and "corny," not "grammatically correct." In my May 20th letter ("Lesbian Reality?" *SF Bay Times*), I intentionally capitalized Lesbian, Dyke and Butch, while intentionally decapitalizing christian and s/m. Alterations of these words make a statement about who and what is considered more or less important.

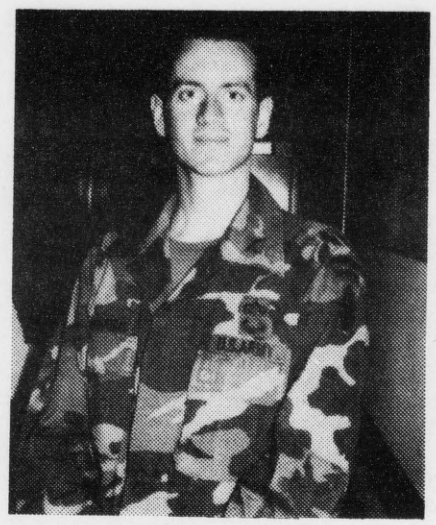
Mazel Tov to the *Bay Times* for having your wish of sensationalism come true—you must be very proud! Perhaps you should do some thinking about a word called "integrity." But maybe it's too politically correct these days. As for those male- and het-identified "Lesbians" who wrote attacks against me/my letter, there is really no need—I've got better things to do than read your self-hating diatribes—get a life and a mind while you're at it too!

Finally, I would like to offer a sincere Mazel Tov to OFFUL (One Fat Fed-Up Lesbian) for your courage and pride. As an underweight Lesbian with hypoglycemia and CFIDS (Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome) who is almost always cold and hungry and cannot gain weight even when eating constantly, I can safely say that "slim" is not healthy or desirable. What are Lesbians supporting when they believe in and glorify standards of male/heterosexual beauty and health? Not our Lesbian selves, I can assure you.

We've made it this far out of the closets, and some of us have always been out. Let's continue to challenge ourselves and the world around us, struggle to unlearn our own prejudices, and make the possibility of real community come true.

Out There, Separatist and Strong,

RachAel Rosen
Oakland



Gen. Colin Powell's former bodyguard, openly gay Army reservist Michael McManus. Photo by Rink

Wasting Energy

Sylph of Oakland entirely misses the point in her letter in the June 3 issue of the *SF Bay Times*. ("Defending Our Space") M.D. O'Hartigan, in her article, never used the word "fascist," and only peripherally discusses lesbian space. The term "space" also does not appear in O'Hartigan's article. The issue addressed in O'Hartigan's article is the continued refusal of a certain segment of the lesbian community to recognize the fact that transsexual (male-to-female) women are women. Instead, Sylph, while she admits to her rejection of us, twists the discussion around to the issue of "space," which was not the subject of the original article. I have no problem with defending women's space, and I agree that it is "small and precious"; however, I also have a right to be a part of it.

By rejecting us, Sylph and her ilk are merely playing into the hands of the likes of Jesse Helms and Pat Robertson, who would destroy us all if they got the chance. These last are the real enemies. With all the real problems lesbians have, some of which are mentioned in Sylph's letter, it's a shame that she can waste time and energy attacking those whom she should be welcoming as allies. This entire controversy has been ignited and fueled by the separatist community. Helms and Robertson are surely laughing at us.

Antoinetta Stadlman
San Francisco

Dykes Are Ignored

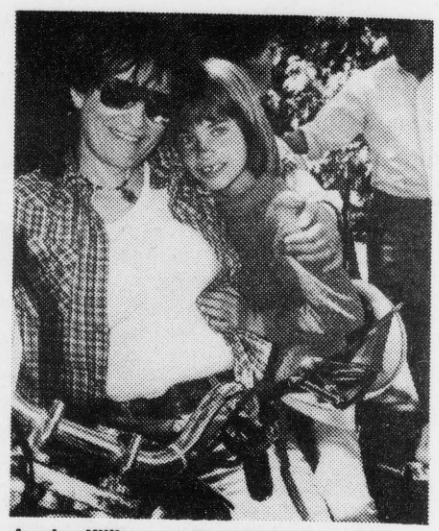
I was thrilled to read Rachael Rosen's letter in the May 20 *SF Bay Times*. I too saw those movies and was very disappointed in the way in which lesbians were portrayed.

It was so refreshing to read such a dyke-positive letter in the "Boy" Times. It was typical that the responses to Rachael's letter were incredibly dyke hating as well as being offensive on just about every level. Jay, who I can only assume to be male by the stupidity of his response, says, "Duh! So make your own films!" This completely ignores the reality that not all dykes have the money to start our own movies, newspapers and festivals if we don't like the ones that are out there. Dykes with resources should not be the only ones allowed to define lesbian culture. Also incredibly offensive was Jay's use of the expression "womyNazi agenda" to describe Rachael's letter. It's hard to believe this needs to be said one more time, but it does: *Don't use the word "Nazi" to describe anything other than actual Nazis.* This is so basic but apparently still difficult for some to understand. It is particularly disgusting that Jay used this word to describe a Jewish dyke. It's not surprising, however, since Jay also mocks other oppressed dykes as "fat butch cripples." No, I don't have a sense of humor about oppressions that *kill dykes.*

At a time when everyone remotely "Queer" is being welcomed into the lesbian and gay community, dykes are being ignored and oppressed. This has to stop. Where are the articles about dykes who have killed themselves because of crushing oppression? I thank Sylph for her excellent letter in response to "J'Accuse." We do need to defend lesbian space for lesbians.

With Dyke Separatist Strength...

Elizabeth Kristen
Oakland



Jessica Killian, age 8, and her mom, Diana Sapphire, ride in the Marin Lesbian and Gay Pride parade on June 11. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Protest Too Much?

In response to Sylph ("Defending Our Space," *SF Bay Times*, June 3), who must be feeling very self-righteous right now, I ask the question: Has she ever, or would she even consider marching for the rights of transgendered people as she has marched for other people? And if not, why not?

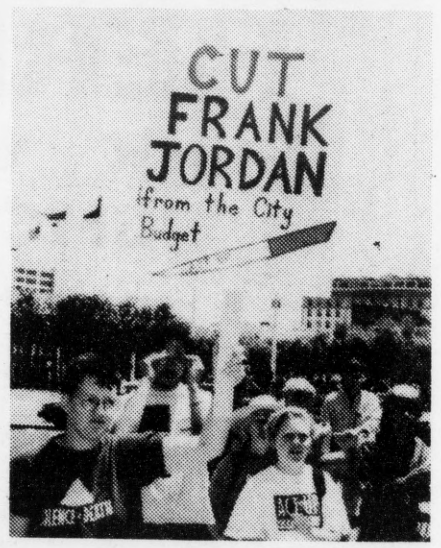
Heterosexual society excludes lesbians and gays because of hate and ignorance, and when it does so it acts in a fascistic way. When certain elements of the lesbian community try to isolate and exclude transgendered lesbians—whether they be male-to-female or female-to-male—because of their fear and ignorance, then that element of the lesbian community is also acting in a fascistic way.

If Sylph wishes to exclude others and ignore their pain as inconsequential, then fine. But then to be outraged at being likened to a fascist who does the same, well, I think Shakespeare said it best: "Methinks the lady doth protest too much."

Frances Monet
San Francisco

Committed to Inclusivity

You recently ran a commentary by Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan about the death of Filisa Vistima, who was a volunteer at the Lesbian Resource Center ("I Accuse," *SF Bay Times*, May 20). I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the LRC's strong commitment to inclusivity. We do not in any way discriminate against transsexual lesbians in access to services or access to opportunities (volunteers and otherwise) at the LRC. This is more than a matter of policy; inclusion is a conviction held by board and



Several community organizations converged on City Hall on June 2 to protest Jordan's devastating budget cuts. Photo by Rink

"Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!" On June 6, Gay Asian Pacific Alliance set up its first Castro Street "recruitment table." Photo by Rink

staff and, historically, by the LRC as an organization.

O'Hartigan's article mentions letters which were written to the *LRC Community News* last fall on the topic of inclusion and who should or should not be allowed to use the LRC's services. What her article failed to mention is that the vast majority of the letters received, and printed, were *in favor of inclusivity.* This says to us that, while there is some disagreement, the bulk of the lesbian community supports and shares our belief in the value of diversity and the rightness of inclusion. But the fact is, there is some disagreement, some divisiveness on these issues, and covering it up won't make it go away. Simply not talking about it, or not printing a letter, does not cure or solve anything.

A note of clarification: O'Hartigan's article concluded with a call for letters to the LRC to encourage us to donate Filisa's journal to Evergreen State College. The LRC does not have the journal and does not have authority to decide what happens to it. That belongs to the friends to whom she willed the journal. We have passed Evergreen's request along to them, but the decision is theirs.

Terri L. Smith
Editor, *LRC Community News*
Lesbian Resource Center
Seattle, WA

TS, Not TV, Frederic

Thank you, Frederic Kahler, for your words of wisdom on Filisa and myself—you express far more eloquently than I the hatred and contempt for us so prevalent in Seattle.

SF Bay Times readers will undoubtedly be interested to know that Mr. Kahler is the television and film editor for *Seattle Gay News,* which is undoubtedly why he feels eminently qualified to comment on us. I would remind Mr. Kahler that Filisa was, and I am, TS—not TV.

Margaret Deidre O'Hartigan
Shelton, WA

Project Open Hand kicked off its 2nd Annual Food Drive at Cala Foods on June 2 for PWAs in San Francisco and Alameda counties. Photo by Rink

Recognizing the Differences

After reading the responses to the article, "I Accuse," that ran in your May 20 issue, especially the letter from the dyke separatist named Sylph, I could see another letters war brewing. This is a shame, because our common enemy loves to see us fighting among ourselves. It keeps us from focusing on gaining rights for all of us. It contributes to our isolation.

I fear that the flurry of letters that will follow will include jubilant agreement from other dyke seperatists who believe that MTF transsexuals are *not* women in any way, shape or form, and vitriolic denunciations by activist transsexuals who believe they *are* women, no ifs, ands or buts about it. I lament the position of both viewpoints because they seem to claim to speak for majorities.

In fact, there are many lesbians who are able to see transsexuals as some sort of women and who have no problems with us attending women's events as long as we have the sense not to wear a swastika armband in public or otherwise act objectionably. I have met these women, and I am grateful to them for the encouragement and support that they give to transsexuals. They are not putting anybody first; they are behaving like compassionate human beings and not like sexists.

On the other hand, I have met other transsexuals like myself who don't believe that we are *just like* any other women. We recognize the difference between ourselves and genetic women, and we celebrate it. Or at least we don't deny it. Furthermore we don't want inclusion into a group of people who deal with life's injustices by practicing their own brand of close-minded bigotry. (Of course, not all women who attend women's events object to our being included, but the vocal ones end up speaking for them.) Speaking only for myself, I embrace a third gender identity, but since I live in a culture that recognizes only two genders I choose to label myself female because it feels closer to my experience than does male. (Does anyone care to claim they know my own experience of myself better than I do?)

I expect this letter will draw all kinds of flak from the aforementioned groups, whose pulse rates will climb 20 points as they read it ("You traitor!" or "Just like a man!"), but that's okay. I don't really expect to educate very many of them. I do hope to reach those who are openminded on this issue—who haven't staked out an immovable viewpoint. Maybe I'm baiting the fanatics with this letter, but it's not easy to write a dispassionate, non-inflammatory missive after seeing extremist screeds flying past for years.

Hey, at least my pulse rate is stable.

Christine Beatty
San Francisco

Don't Pull the Plug on Shanti Services

Have you considered what San Francisco's AIDS population would lose if Shanti were to disappear tomorrow? Fully 80 percent of San Francisco's PWAs use one or more of Shanti's services. For openers, last year alone Shanti clocked an astounding 130,759 hours of practical and emotional support to your loved ones and mine, brought to us by 540 Shanti-trained volunteers. Shanti essentially invented practical and emotional support for PWAs—and no one will pick up laundry, wash dishes, rub backs and feet and listen to the hard facts of dying, to the tune of 7,000 hours a month if Shanti isn't there to do it. Professional mental health services are great, but no shrink I know of washes your dishes or puts you on and off the commode.

Shanti has trained literally thousands of volunteers and group facilitators, and runs multiple support groups, including groups for PWAs, caregivers, women's caregivers, grieving groups and groups for heterosexual couples dealing with AIDS.

Of course all our AIDS service organizations are precious to us, but maybe we forgot who developed the model of support and service back before AIDS had a name or a "diagnostic marker." If you recall back in 1981 and 1982, when the Reagan-Bush-LaRouche guys wanted to put us in "protective quarantine" and funeral homes wouldn't pick up the bodies of our friends and lovers, Shanti mushroomed seemingly overnight from a small agency providing general support to folks with life-threatening illnesses into the equivalent of a major, multi-faceted agency trying to fill in for a government whose policy was to "let the fags die." In doing so, Shanti developed ways to enrich the lives of PWAs, including their incredibly successful activities program, which provides tickets to cultural events, holiday meals and celebrations, kayaking trips and so many other opportunities for people with AIDS to feel like *People* with AIDS. Shanti, in fact, created the gold standard for AIDS support services in our city and its influence is felt nationwide and worldwide.

One vital issue is the continued eligibility to receive federal Ryan White funding. Among other programs threatened by the loss of such eligibility is Shanti's "Crossings Project," which serves PWAs in the Tenderloin. This program serves indigents, women, people of color, Native Americans and children as well as transgendered and other PWAs poorly served in the past by mainstream health care.

This is the time to support Shanti, not to stand on the sidelines and smugly watch our own hard-won, grass-roots organization go down the drain. As individuals, we need to continue financial and moral support of Shanti. Don't pull the plug on Shanti services. San Francisco needs Shanti and Shanti deserves our support.

Send your letters of support for Shanti to: The Honorable Carole Migden, Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 235, SF 94102; The Honorable Arthur M. Jackson, President, San Francisco Health Commission, 101 Grove St., SF 94102.

Lynne I. Portnoy, M.D., D.C.
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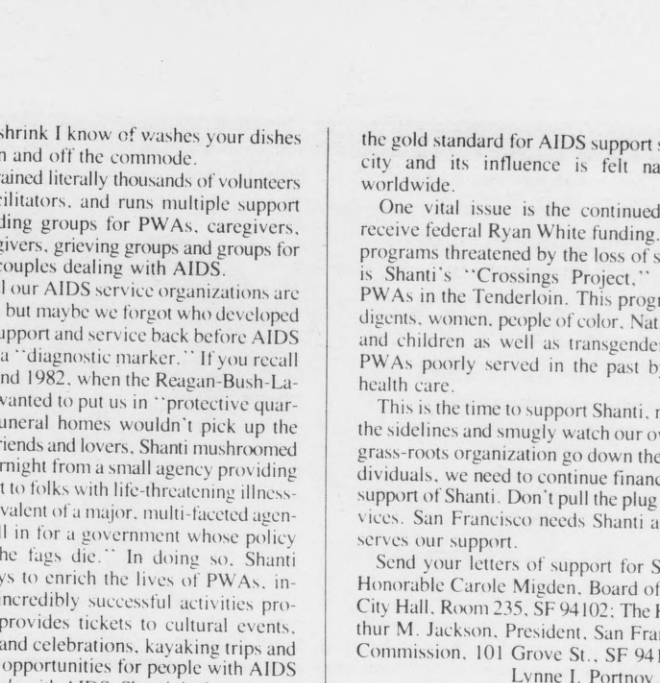

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BY JACK FERTIG

Planets and Pride

Whether you're celebrating a queer year or a gay day, in traffic with the sapphic, making a transit gendered or waving bi, please do come out for The Parade! Semantic arguments come and go, but the strength in our diversity is much more important than the squabbles that diversity makes inevitable. As for me, I'll be in drag as Eleanor Roosevelt, chained by one wrist to Franklin and another to Lorena Hickok, with a sandwich board sign proclaiming, "Bi Bonds!"

But "ours" is not the only Parade! This weekend (the 18th to 20th) Gay-Lesbian-Bi-Transgender and otherwise Queer Pride festivities take place in smaller communities such as Santa Rosa, Berkeley, San Jose and Los Angeles.

Through this weekend the war of the words—Gay vs. Queer—(or dare I say it? *petty vs. tired*) is likely to ensue with the Sun in Gemini sextile to Mars in Leo. Actually this aspect is wonderful for playful, witty bantering. It can also be sexually assertive—more direct than flirting—in a style that gay men do notoriously well. With Saturn aspecting the Sun and Mars, it is much too easy to take oneself too seriously, and herein lies the danger. It gets even more complicated as the Sun enters Cancer Monday, June 21, and Mars enters Virgo on Tuesday, June 23. Then the playful, witty bantering turns into critical efforts to build community and family. Questions of who we want to include or exclude as "Us" will become very sharp; well intentioned, perhaps, but easily nasty and divisive. Let actions speak louder than rhetoric if you must be seriously gay.

By Sunday, Parade day, the stars will mellow out, and Venus will be trine to Uranus and Neptune, promoting more universal values of inclusiveness. (Whew!) Venus-Uranus aspects like this are *tres gay*, and Neptune adds glamour, so don't let the week ahead rattle you. Have a fabulously prideful Parade!

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: With all the festivities at hand, you are in an appropriately partying mood. It's a wonderful time to mix serious ideals with outrageous fun. Just be careful not to take the politics *too* seriously. Well, yes, politics are very serious, but there's a time and a place, and there are priorities. Homophobic death squads in Argentina are much more serious, for example, than a parade slogan. You do need to find a balance between committed hard work and vivacious mixing, so help out your favorite group with leaflets or at a booth. It's a great way to meet and interact while doing something you believe in.

TAURUS: You're about due for a raise. To help draw in some money, do your best to look very responsible and mature at work, and burn off energy at home. Be careful not to act too important at home, though. A sidewalk sale would be a good way to burn that energy, exercise some of your entrepreneurial spirit, and do some of the house cleaning also recommended by the stars. Also, you're in one of your dangerous shopping moods. But you just love the energy of shopping, more than you really need or want anything. Staying on the selling side of the counter will help you to make that energy profitable.

GEMINI: Your sign already has a reputation for loquacity, but Mars, the planet of motor, is now in your house of mouth. Your friends are pretty much used to that, but you're suddenly apt to take yourself—and your ideas—a bit too seriously. This is a good time for you to investigate and test your ideas, but as you present them you can easily, however unintentionally, come off sounding very argumentative. Identify thoughts and opinions as such, so they don't sound like Absolute Truths carved in stone. *Happy Birthday: Joseph Bean, Rink!*

CANCER: You're in that month-before-the birthday introspective period, but your wallet is being very extroverted. Retail therapy is elating at first, but it can quickly become counter-therapeutic. Before you hit some hard limits, take some time alone to consider what you really want. Chances are it can't be bought at any store. And no, QVC doesn't have it either! Make a list of what's really important in your life. Consider your priorities. Spiritual values are important, but that too may reflect in financial interchanges. Think about what you're getting with your purchases.

LEO: You've been unusually energetic lately, even for Leo! No wonder your partner has a hard time keeping up. The difference in your energy levels could become especially problematic right now, perhaps even the cause of a fight. Your friends are eager to help out. Let them. Just spending time with them and letting your poor sweetie rest will do you all some good. Of course your partner may go along and let the crowd negotiate the difference in your energy levels.

VIRGO: If you're not careful, you could all too easily end up watching the parade on TV from a hospital bed. Your concern for helping others is laudable, but be mindful of your own limits. Trust in supervisors to help you keep your priorities in order and to let you know when you're pushing too hard. Take time to consider your personal ambitions; what you want to accomplish for yourself, how you can be of service to others, and how those two ends can support each other.

LIBRA: With all the celebration at hand, you may take a much too serious approach to your pleasures. Better now you should think of the pleasure of others. You will actually have a more enjoyable time if you feel productive and hard at work, especially if you are working at others' entertainment. Heaven knows there's plenty to do right now! As generously as you put your energies to social benefit, you will gain opportunities to speak up and be heard, so be ready with any message you wish to share.

SCORPIO: You're in fine fettle and just itching for a good fight. You may find it much too easily at work or at home. There's so much you can do with all that energy, and it's far too easy to do the wrong thing. You have a wonderful opportunity right now. Be very careful not to piss it all away on destructive squabbles with your boss or roommates. If you focus that energy into pushing your own limits, you will be among many to be amazed at your achievements. You will then radiate authoritative confidence. If you don't blow it.

SAGITTARIUS: You were always a bit loquacious, but now your verbosity focuses tightly around subjects of little humor or interest to others. The less you amuse, the harder you try and thus you fall into a vicious cycle. The trick is to let others take the conversational lead, and let them steer the subject away when things start sticking. Your partner will have an excellent sense of where to take the conversation. Lacking a partner, take any lead you can get.

CAPRICORN: You are probably the last one to notice how powerfully sexy you are these days. Instead you're focused on financial challenges and how you can work them out. Things are probably just as tough as you perceive them, but solutions will come to you more easily than you expect. Oh, yes, it will take work, but when did that ever faze you? Just be careful not to take your stress out on others. If you're not careful you could make some very powerful enemies right now.

AQUARIUS: You're being awfully playful these days, and you eagerly expect others to keep up with you. Now, Aquarius, when could anyone ever keep up with *you*? You've been so serious for so long that even in a playful phase you have a grimly determined quality that shadows your vivacity. And so what? Well, Ducks, your invitations to fun may come across more like challenges. This is why you scare your intimates away when you least expect it. Right now you're determined to put a lot of energy into your partnership, but your partner may have other ideas. Don't take disagreements seriously. *Light* and playful will keep things in harmony.

PISCES: This is a wonderful time to throw yourself into community work, but be careful of your own limits. Your energy is strong and it's almost even focused, but that's when it's easiest for you to go completely overboard. If you overdo it you won't know until you've done yourself some damage and it could be serious. Be very careful not to overcommit. People will ask for your help along the way, so think carefully before you say yes. If you can't say no (and what Pisces ever could?!) say you'd love to, but you're committed elsewhere. ✿

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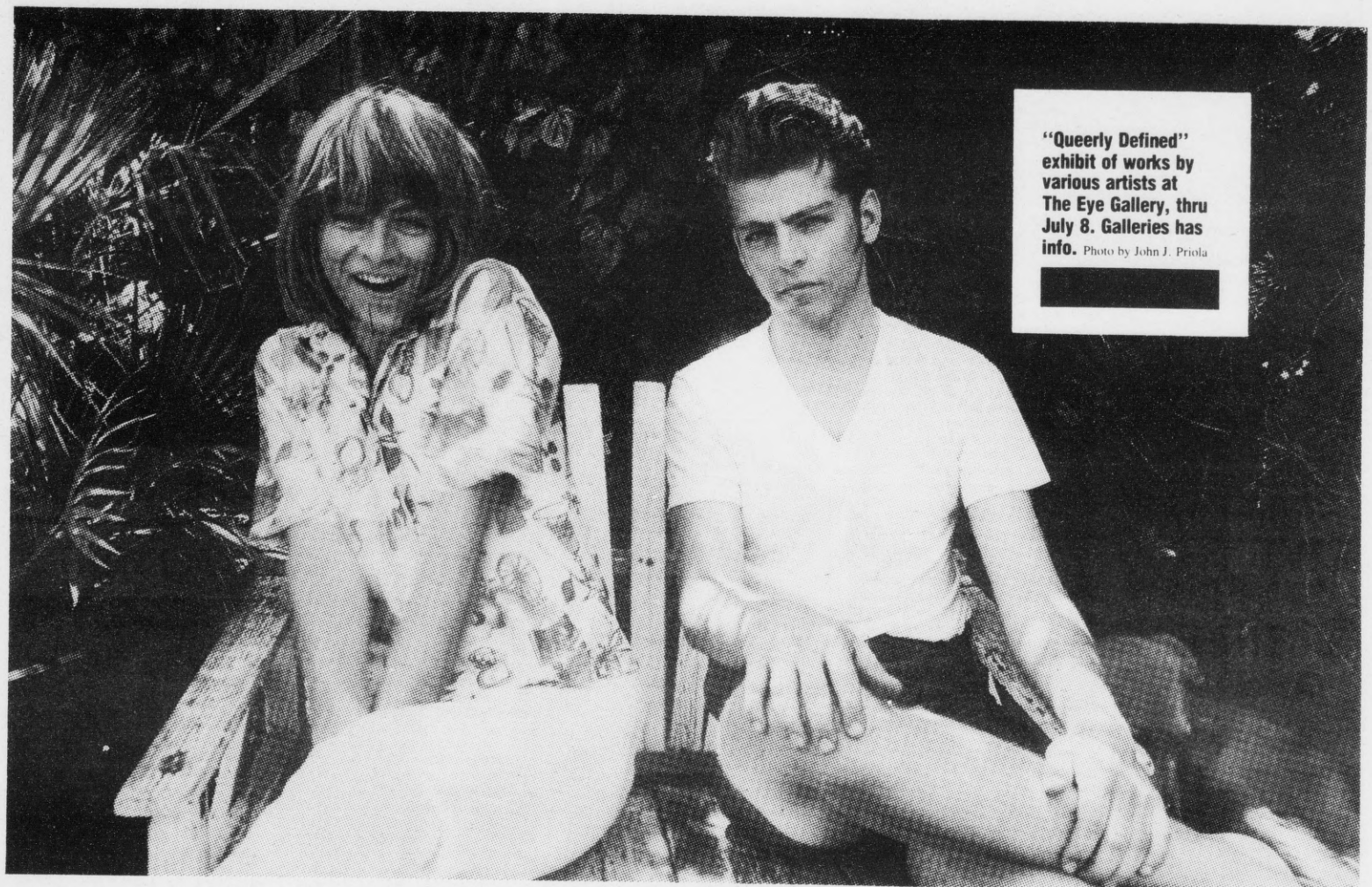

"Queerly Defined" exhibit of works by various artists at The Eye Gallery, thru July 8. Galleries has info. Photo by John J. Priola

JUN 17 / T H U

At Alexander Book Co: Phyllis Burke reads from her new book about political struggle & lesbian parenting, *Family Values*. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Full Power Bottoming Class with Scarlet. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Ever been accused of topping from the bottom when you were just trying to be direct? Is there a positive way to be an aggressive bottom? The first half of this class explores these issues, while the second half features a scene where the bottom is deliberately a smart-ass or a brat. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 in a private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info/reg: 550-7776.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent & Safety Monitor Training: 7 pm at Golden Gate Lutheran Church, 601 Dolores St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Anthropologist Ellen Lewin discusses her new book, *Lesbian Mothers: Accounts of Gender in American Culture*. Based on interviews conducted with lesbian & heterosexual mothers in the Bay Area, Lewin's book looks at the cultural foundations of the lesbian baby boom. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Women on Women 2: Contributors to this collection of lesbian fiction read from their work at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Date is tentative, call 431-0892 to confirm.

ACT UP/SF meets 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-0291.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Marcia Muller reads from her 14th Sharon McCone mystery, *Wolf in the Shadows*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

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"We Broke the Blockade of Cuba." program features talk by the Ev Lucius Walker Jr of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) and Pastors for Peace, joined by Rev Dorsey Blake of the Center for Urban Black Studies. Hear the story of one of the most successful campaigns to challenge the unjust & deadly foreign policies of the U.S. 7:30 pm at Third Baptist Church, 1399 McAllister St at Pierce. SF. Spons by US-Cuba Friendship-ment/Bay Area. Info: (510) 273-9199.

At The Booksmith: Discussion/gathering to celebrate the publication of *Whole Earth Review*, the 25th anniversary of the quarterly supplement to the *Whole Earth Catalog*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: *Things That Make Us Smart* author Donald Norman discusses how to wrestle control of our lives back from our TVs, e-mail and fancy interactive computer systems, and find ways to use our technology while still using our minds. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret: Performance artist Kelly presents a humorous and campy, unauthorized version of the words, music, myth and persona of a great contemporary artist & cultural icon. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 7/4 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 6/18 & 25 and 7/2. Special added show on Gay Pride Eve, 6/26. $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

95 Lorcas: A birthday party/recital in celebration of the 95th birthday of the great Spanish surrealist poet who was executed by Spanish fascists near Granada in 1936. Event hosted by Cuban poet Rene Arriza in a duet with Flamenco guitarist Federico Mejia. 8 pm, $2. Dog Eared Books, 1173 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-1901.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Kate Brandt discusses her book, *Happy Endings: Lesbian Writers Talk About Their Lives & Work*, joined by contributors Katherine Forrest, Willyce Kim, Carol Seajay, S Diane Bogus and Lisbet Tellefsen. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

JUN 18 / F R I

Stanford University's Continuing Studies Program (CSP) offers several summer courses of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities: From Cholera to AIDS: Epidemic Diseases in a Modern World; Through a Cultural Lens: Gender & Sexuality; The Female Body in European Art; and more. For info call (415) 725-2650.

Heart of Relating for Lesbian Couples & Singles: Powerful weekend course on how to create more of what you really want in your life & relationships. Today thru 6/20. Info/res: LoveWorks 572-1999.

Heart of Relating: Lesbian relationshp weekend training in healthy patterns for relating, with Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks 572-1999.

Deadline to Register for Herizon Carpentry Class, see 6/19.

BACW East Bay TGIF: Join Bay Area Career Women for a relaxing social with old & new friends. Today's program is a fashion show featuring women's formal wear, "Tuxedas" by Designer at Heart. 6-8:30 pm, $5 at Central Park Restaurant, 344 20th St (upstairs in the Kaiser Mall, btwn Webster & Harrison), Oakl. Info: (510) 208-3367.

Silverstar Pow Wow & Indian Market: Thru 6/20 at Kaiser Arena, 10th & Fallon Sts, Oakland. A gathering of tribes in celebration of the traditions & diversity of Native American culture, thru tribal song, dance and cultural arts. Features over 300 American Indian dancers competing for honor prizes, plus fine arts & crafts by over 100 Native artisans & craftspeople, also Native American culinary specialties. Everyone welcome! Hrs: 6-11:30 pm tonight, 11 am-11 pm on Sat, 11 am-5:30 pm on Sun. Info: 554-0525. Spons by the American Indian Film Institute.

Mango Jam perform at La Pena Cultural Ctr, Berkeley, on June 18. See Calendar for details. Photo by Egon

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Rare appearance by science fiction master Jack Vance. Vance signs copies of book three of the Cadwal Chronicles, *Throy*. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Hayes Valley Summer Solstice Block Party. 4th annual event, 7-10 pm. Music, entertainment, art openings, book signings & more. Call Richard 255-9307 or Bonnie 864-6887.

Women's Country Western Classes & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 6/25 in the Eastbay. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

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SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Festival: Opening Night! Castro Theatre, SF. Program: ***Forbidden Love*** (Canada). Compelling, hilarious, rebellious. The nine women interviewed in *Forbidden Love* paint a portrait of lesbian sexuality and survival in Canada during the 1950s and 1960s when lesbian love was "the love that dared not speak its name." Film plays with short *Peach* (New Zealand); 7 pm, $7. ***Mala Noche*** (USA), gritty, reckless-seeming; this new 35mm print of Gus Van Sant's classic story of passionate delinquency prefigures the pleasures of *My Own Private Idaho* and *Drugstore Cowboy*; 9:30 pm, $7. **Gala opening night dinner** at SF Mart: 9 pm-2 am, $60 includes *Forbidden Love*, dinner, drinks, dessert & dancing. Info: 431-9227. Festival runs thru 6/27 at SF, Eastbay and Southbay venues; call the festival office for full details.

Dark Shadows Party. Social gathering for fans & friends. Celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun! 7:30 pm. Info/location: Neil 255-7672.

Writer Molly Fisk reads her poetry, including her prize-winning poem *Veterans*, winner of the National Writers Union Competition. Some of her work deals with surviving incest & ritual abuse. 7:30 pm, $5. A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Let's Call It a Riot, performance group composed of five gay men of color (Ricardo Bracho, Laurence Padua, Andy Spieldenner, Laurens Van Sluytman, Marvin K White), use poetry and prose to challenge the borders of homophobia, racism & classism. 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL donation. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

"Pride in Diversity," Sacramento Men's Chorus in concert at St Francis Church, 26th & K, in midtown Sacramento. 7:30 pm, $7, portion of tix proceeds benefit the Lambda Community Center. Info: (916) 444-5213.

Sexual Abuse Survivors Writers' Wkshop at A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: 10 am-1 pm, led by writer Molly Fisk. An exploration of the sexual abuse survivor's drive to bear witness, expose the atrocities she or he has lived thru, find ways to best present this information to a reluctant & disbelieving world. Wkshop participants look at survival writing of all kinds, discuss personal writing as well as writing for publication. $5. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info/reg: 924-8970.

15th Annual Ethnic Dance Festival: SF's premier fest celebrating the cultural diversity of Bay Area dance runs Fridays & Saturdays thru 6/26. Each weekend offers a different program, all Satuday performances feature pre-performance talks for audiences to learn more about the dances that will be performed. Performances 6/18 & 19 and 6/25 & 26 at 8 pm at Palace of Fine Arts, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. 6/18-19 program: Bantaba Dance Ensemble (Guinean), Slavonijo Kolo Ensemble (Bosnian), The Minoan Dancers (Greek), Padmini Srikantiah (South Indian), Sam Dos (Cambodian), Ancy Rose Aktas (Azerbaijani), Barbary Coast Cloggers (Appalachian), Na Lei Hulu I Ka Wekiu (Hawaiian), Rancho Folclorico "A Portuguesa" (Portuguese), Philippine Performing Arts of California (Filipino) and Theatre Flamenco (Spanish). Info: 474-3916.

Women Musicians Open Mike at Mama Bears: Room for six performers, sign up now! Call (510) 428-9684. Women only. 8 pm, $2. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Women's Comedy Evening with comedians Karla Carmony, Lisa Geduldig, Annie Larson, Stephanie Mazow, Karen Ripley, Kathy Russell, Jeannette Samiento and Vannessa von detta. 8 pm. Free! Spons by KPFA's Women's Department. 1929 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Berkeley.

Women Musicians Open Mike at Mama Bears: Room for six performers, sign up in advance. 8 pm, $2. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.

HIV, AIDS & Chinese Medicine: A First International Conference: Today thru 6/20 at SF State University, Knuth Hall, Creative Arts Bldg. Conference features a two-day program of addresses, panels, roundtable discussions and training workshops led by leaders in the field, including Misha Cohen, Angela Shen, Michael Young, Magnolia Goh and others. Public forum held on 6/19 at 8 pm (McKenna Theatre, SFSU, $5; panel discussion with Chinese medicine practitioners and longterm survivors. Reg: $145 gen'l, $75 stdnt. Scholarships & continuing education credit available. Info/reg: 453-2130. Spons by SF State University's Institute for Holistic Healing Studies and the Chinese Medical Science Research Institute.

"Arena," an evening-length series of dances by OnSite Dance Company that simultaneously celebrate & poke fun at the current obsession with athletic ism. 8:30 pm tonight thru 6/20 at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $12.50. Info/res: 621-7797.

World Music with *Mango Jam*. Unique blend of world music with rhythms of the Caribbean, Latin America and the Middle East. 8:30 pm, $8 adv, $9 at door. La Pena Cultural Ctr, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2573.

At The Tea Spot Cafe: Kate Beck, of San Diego's infamous "Original Open Mike Night" hosts a music/comedy revue with funny gal pal Amy Boyd & others. Come early & have dinner (6

pm), show starts at 9 (you'll get a good seat & $2 off the show price). $8 admission with show only. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley.

JUN 19 / SAT

Tilden Park Nature Area Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From downtown Berkeley, take Spruce St to top of hill. Just past intersection of Spruce & Grizzly Peak Blvd, turn left onto Canon Drive. At bottom of the hill, turn left. Meet 9 am in parking lot. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.

SFGH AIDS Program is looking for You: If you were a volunteer or staff member in the last 10 years, the AIDS Program and Ward 5A at SF General Hospital invites you to share in an evening of shared memories & recognition, to be held on July 31st. This event will honor all staff/volunteers who worked in either the outpatient clinic or the inpatient unit anytime since 1982. Please call for more info and an invitation! Ward 5A (formerly Ward 5B): Steve Keith 864-1081. Ward 86: Terrell Byrne 476-0828.

Herizon Carpentry Class for Women: 2-day start-up and safety class, today & tmw. Pre-req for advanced classes. $30 intro rate for both days. Info/reg: Donna 861-1567.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Glen Canyon Native Plant Restoration: Help pull nonnatives. Meet 9:30 am at Chenery & Elk. Info: 334-2134.

The Barbary Coast Cloggers perform as part of the 1993 SF Ethnic Dance Festival at the Palace of Fine Arts June 18-19. Photo by Marty Sohl

The Art of Ikebana: Wkshop taught by Kosho Dixon. Learn how to create beautiful and innovative flower arrangements thru the use of the Japanese art of Ikebana. Dixon demos basic & contemporary arrangements using Ikebana techniques based on the Sogestsu Ikebana School system. Participants will make two arrangements. Bring shears to cut flowers & branches. 2 1/2 to 3" diameter needle point flower holder (frog), 10 to 12" diameter container (preferably no deeper than 3 inches) and a hand towel. 10 am-2:30 pm, $30, plus $15 materials fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Fresh flowers provided. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222. UCSF, Room N417, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF.

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Writers Wkshop: Led by author Jane Futcher (*Crush, Marin: The Place the People, Promise Not to Tell*). 10 am-4 pm, $75. Class size limited, pre-reg required. Gay, lesbian & bisexual writers share their fiction and nonfiction in an open & supportive environment. Students should bring their journals and a story or article they would like to share with the group. Timed writing exercises are an important part of the workshop. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd, Corte Madera. Info/res: 435-3571.

Negatives Being Positive: Group meets at the Galleon Bar & Grill, 718 14th St at Church, SF, for tasty brunch & fine conversation. Social hour 10:30 am, meet in the private banquet room in the back at 11:30 for brunch. Menu $5-10. Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672. Come, bring a friend!

Silverstar Pow Wow & Indian Market—see 6/18.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **Castro Theatre: *Boys Just Want to Have Fun*** (USA): features some of the best of new gay comic shorts, including the return of Scott Capurro's annoying ex-roommates in ***Loverville 2: The Honeymoon;*** plus ***Pool Days, Ma Vie, Mark Called, The Disco Years, The Attendant***; noon, $5. ***Neo-Lesbo Cinema***—seven sexy, glossy lesbian-produced short films: *Peach, Tempted, Jumping the Gun, Jeanne & Hauviette, Intrepidissima, Rispondetemi* and *All Fall Down*; 2:15 pm, $5. ***One Nation Under God*** (USA): riveting documentary offers a dynamic historical overview of gays & lesbians in modern society. It focuses on the contemporary religious right wing and the proliferation of curative therapies for homosexuality; 4:30 pm, $5. ***Wittgenstein*** (Gr Br); Derek Jarman's first film since *Edward II*—a humorous portrait of one of this century's most influential philosophers. Also *Sleepy Haven*. 6:30 pm, $7. ***Silent Thrush*** (Taiwan); backstage lesbian romance & intrigue highlight this portrait of life in a traditional opera company in modern Taiwan; 8:30 pm, $6. ***Confession of a Pretty Lady*** (GrBr); follow Sandra Bernhard as LA's dykes on bikes escort her thru the streets of tinsel town, see old home movies and interviews with her mom, aunt & uncle; a personal, colorful & sexy look at this controversial performer. Plus short on the infamous ***Dr. Paglia***, 10:45 pm, $6. **At the Roxie: *Bay Area Short Film Showcase*** (USA) highlights new voices in queer cinema. See *Castro Cowboy, Ife, After the Break, Rapture, He Would Have Loved Me to Death, The Birthday Party at Repetition Cafe, The Politics of Disco, The Standard of Living*; noon, $5. ***Talk That Toc*** (USA/Canadian), cutting edge compilation of new experimental lesbian & gay Asian videos including, *Bare, Second Generation Once Removed, Fated to Be Queer, Toc Storee* and *Chinaman's Peak: Walking the Mountain*; 2 pm, $5. ***Greetings from Out Here*** (USA), colorful whirlwind tour of Gay Dixie captured by videomaker Ellen Spiro; 4:15 pm, $5. ***She's Safe*** (Canada/USA/GrBr/Ger): curated screening of lesbian safe sex videos featuring a spicy batch of hot new public service announcements mixed in with this year's crop of sexy lesbian-produced erotic videos, including *Girls Will Be Boys, Cunt Dykla, Well Sexy Women, Safe Is Desire, Truth or Dare, Safe Soap, Safer Sister, La Ravissement, Current Flow, Do You Mind?* and more; 6:15 pm, $6. ***Love Me, Leave Me, Slap Me, Pierce Me...But Make It Short*** (Canada/US/Brazil) 18 tapes representing modern gay video on subjects ranging from TS, TV, SM, RuPaul and drag to drugs, grunge, funs, sex, violence, homophobia, codependency and lack of commitment—program is a sort of queer MTV; 8 pm, $6. ***Joe Joe*** (USA) irreverent new featurette by Cecilia Dougherty & Leslie Singer, plus ***2 Beloved Murderer I*** and ***The Potluck and the Passion***; 10 pm, $6. **At Pacific Film Archive: *Greetings from Out Here***, see above, 7:30 pm, $6. ***Belle*** (The Netherlands). A magical-realist story of a woman confronting the ethical, existential & moral issues of modern times. Screens with *Intrepidissima*. 9:30 pm, $6. Info: 431-9227.

Tri Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Picnic: Noon-5 pm at Amador Valley Park (BBQ Area 1), Santa Rita Road & Black Ave, Pleasanton. Share the fun—volleyball, badminton, horse shoes, cards, softball—bring a friend! Bring your own picnic (stuff to BBQ, charcoal, plates, etc). Clean & sober event, no alcohol or drugs. Spons by the Tri-Valley Lesbian/Gay Support Group. For more info call (510) 846-2085.

Gray Panthers Mtg: 12:30 pm at the Dorothy Day Community Center, 54 McAllister St, SF. Budget analyst & president of the Coalition for SF Neighborhoods speaks on "The SF Budget Crisis: An Overview of the City's 1993-94 Proposed Budget," followed by question and answer period. Bring a bag lunch; dessert, coffee, tea & soda provided.

Meeting Men Party: Meet men in a nurturing environment, go below the surface, build rapport, make heart connections; discover the path of gay intimacy. Facilitated by Ed Tucker & Tommy Phillips. Spons by the Human Awareness Institute. $20 tix available at A Different Light Bookstore in SF. For info/reg: 239-7839.

Gay vs Queer: A community forum presented by GLAAD SFBA (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/SF Bay Area). Moderated discussion, advocates on all sides, community participation. 1 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 861-4588.

BBQ with Southbay Bi-Friendly: Celebration of the chapter's fourth anniversary. 2 pm at Steve's in Mountain View. For info/directions call Joyce 856-6901.

Let It All Hang Out III: "The fat comes back again!" —Annual celebration of fat dykes and the diversity of the lesbian and gay community. 2-6 pm at Harvey Milk Plaza, Castro & Market Sts, SF. No scents or perfumes please.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent & Safety Monitor Training: 2:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Team SF Gen'l Membership Mtg: Come discuss/make plans for the upcoming Gay Games IV (1994 in NYC). 3 pm at Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Diamond St (next to Cala Market), SF. Info: 824-8118. Meetings open to all, only current TSF members are eligible to vote on TSF matters.

Meeting Men Party spons by Human Awareness Institute. Meet other men interested in genuine friendships. In a relaxed, safe space, learn skills that facilitate closer relationships. 7 pm, $20. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info/res: 239-7839.

Haitian Activist Yolande Jean, victim of the US HIV ban, shares her personal story of struggle and survival in Haiti and on Guantanamo: 7 pm, $5-25 requested donation. Event includes Haitian dance & music. St Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St, Berkeley. Spons by the Nat'l Sanctuary Defense Fund in conjunction with the Bay Area Haitian American Council and Haiti Action Coalition. Info: (510) 843-3886.

Country Western Dancing for Women, with Donna E, nationally-known DJ and instructor. 7 pm line dance workshop, 8:30 pm open dancing at the Almonte Club in Mill Valley. Info: 927-4442.

Bi-Friendly Women's Night Out at Osento: A hot-tub night for women only. Meet 7 pm at Radio Valencia, 1199 Valencia St at 23rd, SF or at Osento at 8 pm, 955 Valencia St, SF. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

Country Western Dancing for Women: Taught by Donna E, nationally known DJ & instructor. 7 pm class, 8:30 pm open dancing. $10. Strawberry Rec Center, 118 E. Strawberry Dr., Mill Valley. Info: 927-4442.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.

Over Our Heads: Comedy improv and music at Mama Bears with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson and Marion Damon. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6356 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Latino/A Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Pride: 3rd Performing Arts Show produced by LLEGO (Latina/o Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Organization): Today & tmw at 8:30 pm at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St (nr 24th St BART), SF. Showcase of both new & established artists, balanced between men & women who openly identify as latino/a gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgendered people. A multidisciplinary collage of poetry, music, dance, song, theater, eroticism & sexuality. For tix & other info call 554-8436.

A Festival of Voices: A global celebration. Musical concert at Scottish Rite Temple, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakland. Program: Folk, jazz & spirituals performed by *Oakland Symphony Chorus, KITKA, Sonos Handbell Ensemble* and *Oakland Jazz Choir*. Pre-concert lecture at 7:15 pm, concert begins at 8. Tix $15 & $10 gen'l, $12 & $7 stdnts & srs, $5 kids 12 and under. Info/res: (510) 658-0160.

SF Ethnic Dance Fest continues, see 6/18.

Music/Comedy Improv at Mama Bears with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Annie Larson, Teresa Chandler & Marion Damon). 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

At The Tea Spot Cafe: Comedy Night with Marilyn Pittman & Amy Boyd. 9 pm, $8. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marilyn Pittman, Scott Silverman & Sabrina Matthews. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Those Darn Accordions, Red Meat* and *Corn Company*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUN 20 / SUN

Silverstar Pow Wow & Indian Market—Final day! See 6/18.

SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At the Castro Theatre: *Deaf Heaven*** (USA): Three films by Jewish lesbian & gay filmmakers, including Steve Levitt's *Deaf Heaven*, which offers the clearest & strongest comparison yet between the AIDS pandemic and the Holocaust. Plays with shorts *Seth's Aunts, I Will Not Think About Death Anymore, Chicks in White Satin, Harold & Hiroshi*; noon, $5. ***Twinkle*** (Japan), breezy, sophisticated comedy about a marriage of convenience between a handsome gay doctor & a translator with a drinking problem. Plus *Faeriefilm*; 2:15 pm, $5. ***Vera*** (Brazil): story of a young woman who is convinced that she is a man. Plus *Intrepidissima*. 4:30 pm, $5. ***For A Lost Soldier;*** lush, moody romance about a young Dutch boy and a liberating Canadian soldier, set in WWII; 9 pm, $6.50. ***The Farewell,*** powerful feature about one woman coming of age and coming out in Finland; 9 pm, $6. **At the Roxie Cinema: *British TV***, see two films about British tranvestism. *Black Bag: Gender Bender* and *A Little Bit Lippy*; noon, $5. ***The Body Speaks*** (USA/GrBr) works in this program range from lighthearted reflections to jarring indictments. See women's bodies—in celebration, in revolt, in pain & in joy; 2:15 pm, $5. ***Feed Them to the Cannibals*** (Australia): colorful story of a year in Sydney, Australia lesbian & gay life; plus *I'll Show You* and *Madame Simone*; 4:15 pm, $5. ***Slight Fever of a 20-Year-Old*** (Japan): Raw underground Japanese feature tells the bleak tale of unrequited love among young male hustlers; 2 pm, $3.50. ***Kids in the Hall*** (Canada): Critic and admitted fan B Ruby Rich introduces you to the very best (and queerest) of the Kids' first five seasons; 9 pm, $6. **At UC Extension:** Panel on funding for lesbian & gay film and video makers. **At SF Art Institute:** *Experimental Sampler* (USA/Ger); 15 experimental films including *Mark Called, Black Body, Put Your Lips Around Yes, Mother's Hands, The Death of Dottie Love, Pubic Beard, Sewing on a Breast, A Dance with A Body, Mondays, The Heart of Seduction, Hard to Swallow, My New Lover, Drag on a Fag, Beneath the Surface* and *Fontrella's Box*; 8 pm, $6. **At Pacific Film Archive: *Real Girls & Boys*** (USA/Canada): lesbian & gay youth tell their own stories; plus *Homoteens, Fresh Talk* and *Girl Power*; 5 pm, $5. ***The Otherness Machine*** (USA): Quentin Lee turns the camcorder on himself, staking out some psychic turf in a life under siege. Plus shorts; 7 pm, $6. ***One Nation Under God***: see 6/19 at Castro Theatre; 8:45 pm, $6. Info: 431-9227.

Father's Day Country/Western Dance & Beer Bust at the Rawhide II, 280 7th St, SF. A tribute to dancing fathers, with a live band, dollar hot dogs and special beer prices.

Sunday's Child: Lesbian art salon mtg. Open to all women interested in the arts. This month gathering features Dorothy Allison reading from her novel-in-process. Also open mike—bring poems & songs to share. 4-7 pm, $5. Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St at 18th, SF.

Women Walking Tall: A processional performance of Women on Stilts. Artistic director Terry Sendgraff, musical directors Kayla Kirsch & Debbie Fier. Guest artists Carolyn Brandy, Karolyn van Putten, *Shakiri* and Debra Floyd. 2 pm, free. Everyone welcome! Bring your own seating/picnic stuff. Lakeside Park (Lake Merritt), Grand Avenue at Bellevue entrance, Oakland.

Party with *Power Flush* and *Blonde Nation, Tastefreeway, Ford, Ovarian Trolley, Mudwimmin, Grope, The Gits* and *Bedlam Rovers* as they celebrate the release of the *Power Flush* compilation CD. Lots of refreshments, plus a BBQ to delight vegetarians & meat eaters alike! 3 pm-midnight, $5. 1043 Marin St (one block south of 3rd & Army), SF. Info: 431-2971.

Leather Daddy Contest at SF Eagle, 398 12th St, SF. 3-6 pm. Contest & beer bust in celebration of Father's Day, a benefit for the Godfather Service Fund.

Gay Pride Event spons by GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective): Hosted by Jon Sugar. Features Jack Spittle of *Helots Revenge* plus comics, poets, readings. 3 pm at Fruitopia, 1515 Polk St nr Sacramento, SF. Info: 731-2424. Free.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Dave Kinnick, irreverent author of *Sorry I Asked: Intimate Interviews with Gay Porn's Rank & File*, discusses the men he met while doing research for his book. 3:30 pm. At 7:30 pm: Author Brad Gooch reads & discusses his biography of the famed poet Frank O'Hara. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

Cuban Music at El Rio with *Tumbao y Cuerdas*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Latin American Theater Artists present a staged reading of "Cocks Have Claws" by Amparo Garcia, directed by Laura Esparza. Play about a family where everything happens—from babies to the ghost of Hamlet! Performance in English. Tix $3. 4 pm today, 8:30 pm tmw at Teatro Mision, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St, SF. Info: 771-0654.

Sunday's Child: A salon for "bonny & blithe lesbians & feminists" features award-winning author Dorothy Allison (*Bastard Out of Carolina, Trash*) who reads from a new work-in-progress. Also group share (bring your most delightful transgression-in-progress—worbs, graphix, performantzzz...). 4-7 pm at the Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St at 8th, SF. Intros & presentations begin at 4:30 pm. $5 covers expenses & food.

Honeypot at Club Boomerang, with *Heavy Into Jeff*. 5:30 pm. 1840 Haight St, SF. Benefit for the Haight Ashbury Free Clinic.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Raul Thomas reads from his new Spanish-language novel, *Dicen Que Soy... Y Aseguran Que Estoy: Memorias De Una Loca, Loca*, a provocative coming-of-age novel about a young Mexican gay man. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Flesh Colored Comedy Night Father's Day celebration at La Pena: Say What? Don't miss this multicultural extravaganza featuring the sharpest up-and-coming Bay Area comic talent. 7:30 pm, $5. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2573.

Summer Showcase Program: The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers presents a program of new music for clarinet & piano, for voice & piano, for men's chorus & for tape. 8 pm at Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, SF. Tix $8, available at door. $3 stdnts, srs & disabled. Info: 333-2755.

Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers Concert: Chamber music, tape music and new music for men's chorus by Charles Buel, Robert Nofsinger, Barney Stoa, Karl Brown, Matthew McQueen and Otokokonomu. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $3 srs & kids. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, SF.

Latino/A Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Pride Show at Mission Cultural Center, see 6/19 listing for details.

Lesbian & Gay Open Reading hosted by Jon Sugar at Fruitopia, 1515 Polk St (nr California). 8 pm. Spons by GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Info: 731-2424.

Drag Strip with emcee Mimi Freed, Elvis Herselvis, strippers, lesbo lap dancers and drag kings. Martini specials. DJ's Junkyard and Zanne. $5 cover, $1 off for good drag. Presented by Mambo 98. Paula's Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, nr Valencia, SF.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.

JUN 21 / MON

SF Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At the Castro Theatre: *Male Noche***, see 6/18. Castro Theatre; 2:30 pm, $5. ***Confessions of a Pretty Lady***: see 6/19. Castro Theatre; 4:30 pm, $5. ***Okogel*** (Japan): campy Japanese romp about a young girl's friendship with a handsome gay man and his corporate closeted married lover; 6:45 pm, $6. ***You're A Big Girl Now: Lesbian Shorts 2*** (USA/GrBr/Aust): shorts on a variety of topics, in a variety of genres. See *Monique, Ife, Eerie, After the Break, The Village Idiot, The Waving Fork, Maya, Amelia Rose Towers* and *The Standard of Living*; 9:15 pm, $6. **At the Roxie: *Veado Visoes*** (Brazil/Cuba): program of new Cuban & Brazilian works including *Seams*, in which queer videomaker Karim Ainouz pays a visit to his five Brazilian great aunts, each of whom relates stories about romance, marriage, suffering & survival in a man's world; 5:30 pm, $6. ***Girl Squad*** (USA/GrBr): power-packed program of 11 shorts about what girls have on their minds: *Girl Power, 8mm Lesbian Love Film, What's In A Name, Rough Outrageous, Bittersweet, Bitter Strength: Sadistic Response Version, The Great Dykes of Holland, I Never Danced the Way Girls Were Supposed To, Guess Who's Coming to Visit, A Good Dyke Gone Mad* and *She Can Probably Fix It*; 7:15 pm, $6. ***(Mis)leading Ladies & Self Made Men*** (USA): Kate Bornstein & Daniel Mangin team up for an engaging evening of clips and commentary on transgender representation throughout the century; 9:30 pm, $6. **At the Eye Gallery: *D-Day 1:*** Fifteen queer documentaries run all day, noon-8 pm, free. Info: 431-9227.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women meets ongoing Mondays & Wednesdays, 6-7 pm, at the Women's Bldg. All women sizes 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! $5-7 SL fee per class, no one turned away for lack of funds. 3543 18th St, SF, 3rd floor.

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Writing support group for women over 50 years old. 6-9 pm at OC, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! For time & other info call Pierre 648-6332. Today & 6/28.

Free Home Care Skills Training: Offered by Home Care Companions. Free, "how to" practical skills training for partners, friends & family members who are providing care at home for persons with AIDS. Training, offered over 5 weeknight eves (6/21-25, 7-10 pm at Davies Medical Center, SF), is for any non-professional care partner who is now or will soon be helping a loved one with AIDS in their home. Adv reg is required. Info/reg: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent & Safety Monitor Training: 7 pm at Other Change of Hobbit, 2020 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7 pm. Info: (415) 864-FREE.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Berkeley dream researcher discusses her new book, *Writers Dreaming/Dreamers Writing: 26 Writers Discuss Dreams & the Creative Process*, an examination of the creative impulses & wellsprings of inspiration for some of the most important voices in contemporary literature, including William Styron, Maurice Sendak, Amy Tan, Stephen King & Maya Angelou. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mark Davis. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

eXchange Staged Reading series at Studio 2505: "Santos Y Santos," by Octavio Solis. Tracion en familia. Hard-hitting and graphic. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa St, SF. 8 pm, donation at door.

Latin American Theater Artists staged reading at Teatro Mision, see 6/20 listing for details. Final performance!

JUN 22 / TUE

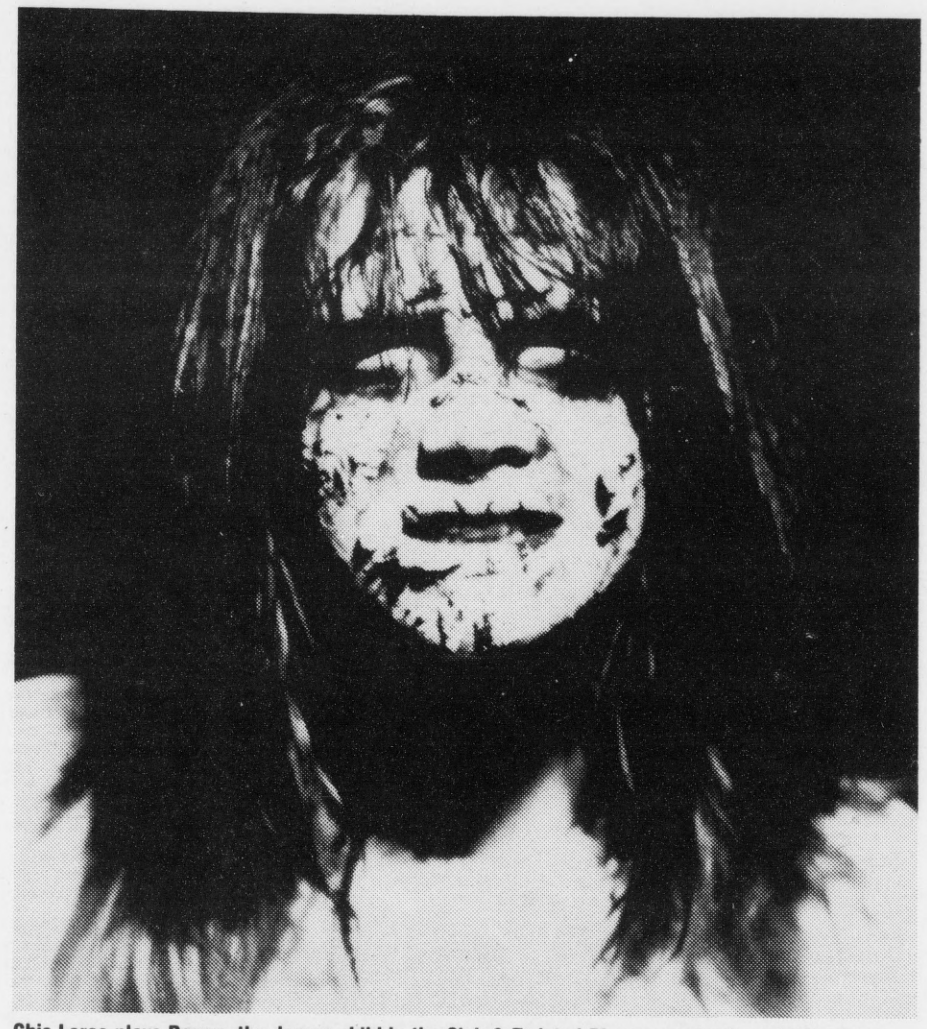
Maximizing HIV Treatment Strategies: A discussion of conventional & complementary therapies, from AZT to bitter melon. Spons by Castro Village Pharmacy & Healing Alternatives. Lisa Capaldini, MD, and Brenda Lien, Project Inform treatment activist, discuss current strategies for managing HIV using conventional western therapies ranging from antivirals to MAI prophylaxis. Jon Kaiser, MD, and Jason Heyman of *AIDS Treatment News* present the latest findings on holistic and alternative therapies. Presentations followed by question and answer session. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For time & other info call Ed 241-8584 or Matthew or Richard at 626-4053.

SF Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At the Castro Theatre: *The Last Island*** (The Netherlands): uncompromising indictment of male power & privilege. Film tells the gripping story of two women, five men and a dog struggling to survive after their plane crashes on a desert island. Plus *Our Gay Brothers*; 2:30 pm, $5. ***Lesbian Love Stories*** (USA/GrBr): four comedic & sad films tell stories of lesbians both finding & losing love: *Minor Disturbances, A Common Flower, Things We Said Today* and *Lurie*; 5 pm, $6. ***Being At Home With Claude*** (Canada): an intense conversation between a gay oulaw & the voice of a shocked society—film follows a police investigator's questioning of a hustler who confesses to muder. Plays with *PMS (Positioning My Sexuality)*; 7:15 pm, $6. ***An Evening with Pratibha Parmar***. **At the Roxie: *Southern Exposures*** (USA/Hong Kong/Canada): Collection of engaging narrative tapes by gay & lesbian video makers of South and South-East Asian origins. See *Fly That Friendly Sky, Song of the Goddess, To Ride a Cow, Two or Three Things I Know About Them, Wild Woman of the Woods, Beyond/Body/Memory*; 5:30 pm, $6. ***Occupied Territories*** (Canada): Six works, some experimental, from young Jewish lesbian & gay videomakers. See *Tomboychik, 6 Million & One, Oy Gay, Searching for Contact* and *Kitchen*; 7:30 pm, $6. ***Diamanda Galas/Tom Miller*** (USA), two videos on two of the strongest voices in American avant garde performance art; 9:30 pm, $6. **At the Eye Gallery: *D-Day 2***. 15 queer documentaries continue to screen all day, noon-8 pm, free. Info: 431-9227.

At Alexander Book Co: Lesbian mystery writer Mary Wings discusses her latest novel, *Divine Victim*. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. Today & 6/29. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! For time & other info call Betsy (510) 548-7441.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude



Ghis Loree plays Regan, the demon child in the Sick & Twisted Players production of "The Exorcist: A Dance Macabre." For details, see OnStage. Photo by Brook

modeling by performer/photo model Andy Tabbat. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

Summer Solstice Celebration at Church of Amron: Come join in a colorful ritual with communion and light refreshments. Event free, but tix required (available at front desk of church). 7 pm. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: NPR journalist Susan Stamberg discusses her new book, *Talk: NPR's Susan Stamberg Considers All Things*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

"Did You Come or Fake It?" Mothertongue Readers Theater Collective present their groundbreaking & ever-popular script on women's sexuality—shocking, daring, thoughtful and sexy. 8 pm, $8-15 SL fee. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Antoinette May discusses *Passionate Pilgrim*, her new biography of Alma Reed, pioneering journalist, archeologist, social activist, art patron and world traveller. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Bi-Friendly Theatre Outing: Join Bi-Friendly for Mothertongue Readers' Theatre's script on women's sexuality, "Did You Come or Fake It?" at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. This event also bids a fond farewell to Bi-Friendly's co-founder Karla Rossi, who will be performing in this play for the last time. 8 pm, $8-15. Call Pierre for info: 648-6332.

Pratibha Parmar, 1993 Frameline Award Winner: British-based South Asian lesbian filmmaker Pratibha Parmar receives the award at a special Lesbian/Gay Film Festival evening retrospective of her works. 9:30 pm at the Castro Theatre, SF. Info: 703-8650.

parents & kids box

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program sponsors **Choosing Children Seminar:** 6/15—7/27, 7-9 pm, $10 per evening. Series of panel discussions on becoming a parent and the variety of choices possible in creating alternative families. Topics include considering parenthood, legal issues, getting pregnant, lesbians & gay men parenting together, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth. All events are held at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. For pre-reg or more info call 565-7674.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs, call 554-9600 for program info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Major Study on Co-Mothering: Lesbian mothers are asked to complete an anonymous survey developed to study attitudes & issues faced by lesbian mothers. See "Parenting" classifieds section for details.

Kids Summer Cultural Camp spons by Spirit Theatre Dance Studio for ages 5-12. African dance, drama, mask-making, self-defense, percussion, storytelling. Program designed to introduce children of all ethnic & cultural backgrounds to the joy of dance, music, movement, art & creativity. All sessions taught by professional performers with experience teaching kids. Schedule: Session A: 6/21-25; Session B: 6/28-7/2; Session C: 7/5-9; Session D: 7/12-16; Session E: 7/18-23; Session F: 7/26-30. Each session costs $90. Info/res: (510) 849-3232.

Summer Classes for youth, teens and adults, offered by the Sharon Art Studio (part of SF Recreation & Parks Dept). Ceramics, drawing & painting, basic drawing, Chinese brush painting, jewelry, leaded glass, glass fusing, watercolor. Info/free brochure: 753-7006/04.

Luther Burbank Center in Santa Rosa offers an exciting cultural arts program for kids ages 7-13. Classes in visual & performing arts are held 6/21-8/12. For program details call Marge (707) 527-0297 or Ruth (707) 527-7006.

Green Stuff! Day Camp spons by University of California Botanical Garden: Week-long programs on the wide world of plants, offered for kids ages 5-11 years of age. 1st & 3rd sessions (7/12-16 & 8/2-6) are for 5-7 year olds, from 9 am-2 pm. The 2nd & 4th sessions (7/19-23 & 8/9-13) are for 8-11 year olds, from 9 am-3 pm. $100 per child, per session. To register send check payable to "UC Regents" to Education Dept. UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley 94720, attn: Green Stuff! or call Nancy Swearengen at (510) 642-3352.

New Children's Theatre Program offered in SF by Artfull Circle Theatre. "The Artfull Dodgers" program emphasizes performance, but also includes coaching in the theatre arts. Children of all ages, with any level of experience (including beginners) are welcome! Program helps kids have fun, build confidence & enrich their lives. For program brochure & other info write Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, SF 94112, attn: Children's Program, or call 621-7305.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

JUN 23 / WED

SF Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At Castro Theatre: *The Silent Thrush***, see 6/19. Castro; 2:30 pm. $5. ***Turnabout/The Lady in Waiting*** (USA); the amazing story of the Yale Puppeteers, three gay men who traveled throughout America for over 70 years, with their unique puppets & satirical songs. Also ***The Lady in Waiting***. Christian Taylor's Oscar-nominated short about a meeting between a proper English woman and a black drag queen during the New York blackout. 5 pm, $6. ***Neo-Lesbo Cinema***: see 6/19. Castro; 7 pm. $6. ***Prince in Hell***: see 6/24. Castro; 9:15 pm. $6. **At the Roxie Cinema: *Uncommon Women*** (USA/GrBr); collection of film about remarkable women, including the Oscar-nominated *Beyond Imagining: Margaret Anderson & the Little Review*; plus *On the Road with Two Nice Girls*; *My Courbet...Or, A Beaver Tale*; *A Cosmic Demonstration of Sexuality*; and *Working Class Dykes from Hell*. 5:30 pm. $6. ***Global Meanings*** (Israel); program of five premiere works from Israel, including two by the late Amos Guttman. Israel's only out, successful gay feature filmmaker. 7:30 pm, $6. ***Girl Squad***: see 6/21. Roxie; 9:30 pm. $6. **At SF Art Institute: *Four by Hiroyuki*** (Japan); four films—*Colour Wind*, *Landscape Catching*, *Melody for buddy Matsumae* and *Colour Eyes*—from Japan's premier gay experimental filmmaker. 7:30 pm. $6. **At Eye Gallery:** See 6/21. noon-8 pm. free. **At Pacific Film Archive: *Kids in the Hall***, see 6/20. Roxie; 7 pm, $6. Info: 431-9227.

Social Work & AIDS: 5th Int'l Conference, spons by the Social Work AIDS Network (SWAN)-SF, in collaboration with the Graduate Schools of Boston College, Tulane University and San Jose State University. Today thru 6/26 at Sir Francis Drake Hotel, SF. Theme: Caring for the Caregiver. Keynote address delivered by Daniel Ostrow, LCSW, director of HIV services at St Mary's Hospital and founder of the world's first HIV dementia research/care unit. Event includes speakers, workshops and a full & varied schedule of entertainment. A conference contingent will march in the Gay Freedom Day Parade on 6/27. Info: Richard Bargans, MSW 647-8842.

At A Different Light: Foreman Brown, the legendary author of the 1930s coming-out novel, *Better Angel* (published under the pseudonym Richard Meeker) appears at a reception following the showing of Dan Bessie's documentary *Turnabout*, about the life of Foreman and his friends in the theatre. Call 431-0892 to confirm time. 489 Castro St, SF.

At Alexander Book Co: Special night of poetry and music with poets Djola Bernard Branner, Tede Matthews and Francisco X Alarcon, with a very special musical performance by *Thoth*. 5:30-7:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women—See 6/21.

To Support & Defend: GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) East Bay sponsors a benefit screening of video about gays in the military. Video focuses on intimate profiles & perspectives of military gays & lesbians. Event includes guest appearance by Lt Maria Zoe Dunning, who gives an update on her discharge case with the US Navy and answers questions about the military ban. Dinner available 6-8 pm, video starts at 8 pm ($5 donation), followed by discussion. Info: GLAAD East Bay (510) 273-9146. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group: Join Bay Area Career Women's ongoing study group promoting personal & spiritual growth. Group meets Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, tonight & 6/30. For info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent & Safety Monitor Training: 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Cathleen Rountree, author of *On Women Turning 50*, shares the accounts of some of the 18 women she interviewed for her book, including Gloria Steinem, Ellyn Burstyn, Isabel Allende, Allie Light and Barbara Eddy. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Open Lesbian & Gay Reading at Modern Times Bookstore: Come celebrate Lesbian & Gay Literature Month—share your poetry or prose, or just listen, at the Bay Area's only monthly reading for the queer community. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At The Booksmith: The Mad Monks (Jim Crotty & Michael Lane) of *Monk Magazine* engage in lewd acts, harangue the audience, perform feats of superhuman strength & tell a tale or two to promote their new book, *Mad Monks on the Road: A 47,000-Hour Dashboard Adventure Across America—From Paradise, California to Royal, Arkansas & Up the New Jersey Turnpike*. 7:30 pm. 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

"Hobnail Boots to Stiletto Heels," a provocative dialogue on lesbian artistic sensibilities, with Wendy Cadden, Adrienne Fuzee, Barbara Hammer and Osa Hidalgo de la Riva, spons by LVA (Lesbian Visual Artists). 7:30 pm registration, 8 pm dialogue, followed by reception for LVA's new Board of Directors. $10-25 SL donation; no one turned away for lack of funds. ASL with 48 hr notice. 511 Harrison St, SF. Info: 821-2975.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Bestselling author Lonnie Barbach (*For Yourself, For Each Other*) discusses *The Pause*, her practical, down to earth book on positive approaches to menopause. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At Faster Pussycat! Exclusive Riot Grrl Show with *CWA* (Cunts With Attitude) from Olympia, WA. At The CLubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline: 561-9771.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.

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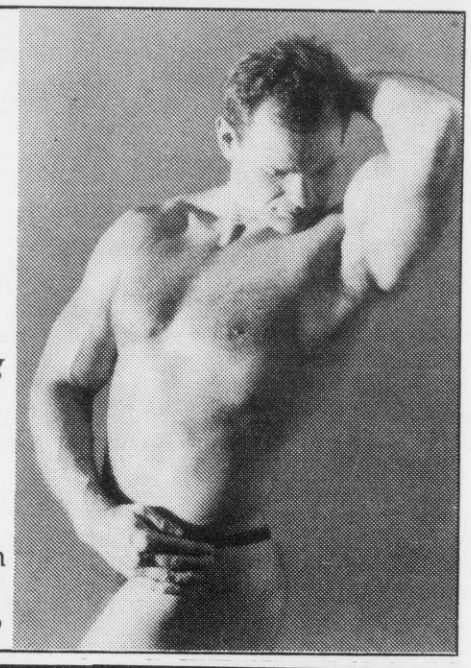

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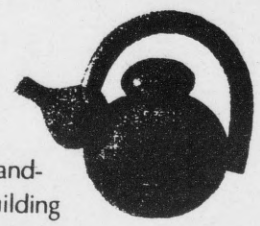

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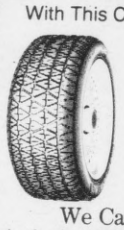

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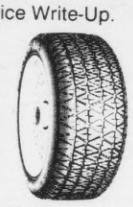

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JUN 24 / T H U

SF Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At the Castro Theatre: *You're A Big Girl Now: Lesbian Shorts 2*** (USA/GrBr/Aust) wide variety of lesbian shorts. See *Monique, Ife, Eerie, After the Break, The Village Idiot, The Waving Fork, Maya, Amelia Rose Towers* and *The Standard of Living*; noon, $5. ***Prince in Hell*** (Ger); hard-hitting parable about post-reunification Berlin in which a youthful, disenchanted queer trio screw each other, then screw each other over; 2:30 pm, $5. ***Sistah Action*** (USA/GrBr); compelling eve of film & video by eight lesbians of color, curated by filmmaker Aarin Burch. See *Monique, Monsoon, I Never Danced the Way Girls Were Supposed To, Safe Sister, Sister in the Life, Bitter Strength, A Cosmic Demonstration of Sexuality, Love Beneath a Neon Sky* and *The Potluck & the Passion*; 5 pm, $6. ***Smoke*** (USA); uses minimal language, a stylized vision & icons drawn from a Roman Catholic childhood to construct a dark & penetrating dream. With *Dram A40*; 7:15 pm, $6. ***1st Gay Erotic Video Awards***, a steamy, voyeuristic eve, with an Academy-style show featuring the best of the SF AIDS Foundation's "Homo Home Video: The Gay Men's Erotic Safe Sex Video Contest"; 9:30 pm, $6. **At the Roxie: *Melancholy Baby*** (USA/GrBr); five stories about gay men experiencing love and pain; 5:30 pm, $6. ***Uncommon Women***; see 6/23, Roxie; 7:45 pm, $6. ***Enchanted*** (Ger); the horrors of life in Hamburg during the 40s & 50s are related in interviews with 13 gay men & lesbians. Shown with *Lorenza*; 9:30 pm, $6. **At UC Extension: *Sistah Said What?*** Panel: Dawn Suggs, Desi del Valle, Azian Nurudin, Pratibha Parmar & Yvonne Welbon talk about their personal motivations and agendas for making media; 7:30 pm, free. **At the Eye Gallery:** See 6/22 listing, noon-8 pm, free. **At Pacific Film Archive: *Mis(Leading Ladies & Self Made Men***; see 6/21, Roxie, 7 pm, $6. ***Funeral Parade of Roses*** (Japan); rare archival screening of the "scandalous" feature, a sensational depiction of the gay demimonde as it existed in late '60s Tokyo. Shown with *Boy With Cat*; 9:15 pm, $6. Info: 431-9227.

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Fajita Party & DJ Dance: Pre-Gay Day benefit party for CURAS. Fajitas at 6 pm, DJ at 9 pm. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

"Be All You Can Be: Gays & Lesbians in the Military," a free lecture by Sgt Jose Zuniga, a highly decorated soldier in the US army who was discharged for publicly announcing that he is gay; and lesbian Sarah Davis, a former aviation machinist mate, first class in the US Navy during WWII, who later served as a public relations staffer for the Blue Angels precision flying team. 7-9 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, the Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Association at UCSF, Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Student Association at UCSF and Out at UC Toland Hall, UCSF, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Wages Due Lesbians sponsors, "Life After the March: Coming Out to Count Unwaged Work," a public meeting at New College, 766 Valencia St, SF. $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. 7:30 pm. Call 626-4114 for childcare. A Lesbian/Gay Freedom Month Event.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Author Brian Bouldrey reads from his debut novel, *The Genius of Desire*. 7:30 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

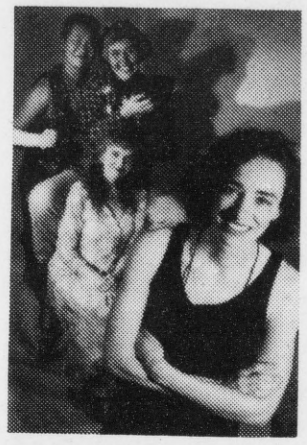
ACT UP/SF meets 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: Tom 824-2344.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Award-winning journalist Jill Nelson reads from her book about working at the *Washington Post*, *Volunteer Slavery: My Authentic Negro Experience*. A witty, passionate, angry and scathingly honest insider's account of a Black woman's experience within a white male-dominated organization. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

SFJCC Health Lecture: "Athletic Feet—Will They Ever Fail You?" a talk with Richard Blake, DPM. Learn how the biomechanics of the feet influence knees, hips & back, and what methods should be used to minimize risks & injuries. 7:30 pm, free. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Personal Finance Lecture at SFJCC: "How to Increase Your Wealth on Any Income," SF-based financial writer, lecturer and consultant Eric Tyson shows how to analyze your spending habits and change your negative attitudes about money. 7:30 pm, $12. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Agnes Bushell reads from her new mystery novel, *Death by Crystal*, featuring the Portland, Maine-based lesbian detective team of Wilder & Wilson. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.



Lesbian Videos: 1800 Square Feet presents a night of lesbian videos including *Framing Lesbian Fashion*, a time trip thru the evolution of lesbian dress codes & identities, features interviews with lesbian feminists including Kitty Tsui, Sally Gearhart, Arlene Stein and JoAnn Loulan; *Y-Front*, short about a woman who becomes obsessed with another woman who wears men's clothing and *Phobophilia*, actual footage of the Ultraroom at Mitchell Brothers, juxtaposed with zoo footage. Show runs tonight thru 6/26 at 7 pm. Tix $5-10 SL. 719 Clementina St, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.

Comedy Night at SFJCC with Terry Sand and the Gefilte Fisheads improv comedy group. 8 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.

Dyke March Benefit: 8 pm-midnight, $3-10 SL donation. Proceeds benefit the upcoming (see 6/26) Dyke March. Comics, safer sex demo, music, dancing & lots of fun at The Cafe, 2367 Market St at 17th, SF. Spons by Damned Lesbians Coalition. Call 330-8932 for info.

Wild Girl Sex Party: "Rivers of Cream," a woman-only safe sex party at Eros Center: Night of hot, wet passion spons by Sluts for Sensation & Club Cream. 8 pm-midnight, $15, portion of proceeds benefit *Venus Infers*, a new leather-women's mag that will be available at the party. Safe sex supplies, sodas & snacks provided; lots of soft horizontal space downstairs, fully equipped dungeon upstairs, harem room, sauna, juice bar. Bring your own towels, lube & a lock (for the lockers, if desired). 2051 Market St, SF.

Touchstones: Dance performance with PerryDance Group, with composer Peter Bellinger. 8:30 pm thru 6/26, part of the Local 6 Choreograher's Showcase. At Footwork/Dancer's Group, 3221 22nd St, SF. For tix & other info call 824-5044.

1 Percent, My Ass! A queer performance grab bag at 848 Community Space with Stephen Pelton Dance Co, Jesselito Cocjin Bie, Katia Noytes, Justin Chin, Zeltzman & Colburn, Watta Ribas, Squad, Arturo Fernandez and High Risk Group; plus Paul Anelli as Miss Androgynous. Tonight & tmw, 8:30 pm, $5-10. 848 Divisadero St at McAllister, SF. Info: 775-4604.

JUN 25 / F R I

SF Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At the Castro Theatre: *Lesbian Love Stories***, see 6/22, Castro; noon, $5. ***Boys Don't Cry*** (GrBr/France/USA/Peru); sampler of men's shorts that accentuate the contemplative. Each of the five films says something about the things that cause us pain. See *Between Two Worlds, Both, In Plain View, Danny* and *Deaf Heaven*; 2:15 pm, $5. ***The Farewell*** (Finland/Sweden); powerful feature film about one woman coming of age & coming out in Finland; 4:30 pm, $5. ***The East is Red*** (Hong Kong); Hong Kong cinema's gender bending camp film, a wild live action comic book starring Brigitte Lin as Asia, the man turned woman bent on ruling the empire and getting the girl. Shows with the short, *P(l)ain Truth*; 6:30 pm, $6. **Surprise Sneak Preview:** Can't tell you what it is, but we can assure you that it's one of the most eagerly-awaited new North American gay-made features in a long time; 9 pm, $6. **Norman, Is That You** (USA); retrospective screening of the 1976 pro-gay comedy; 11:15 pm, $5. **At the Roxie: *Encore Screening***—a special by-demand repeat of a festival favorite, check with the festival ticket outlets after 6/19; 4 pm, $5. ***Maybe I Can Give You Sex?*** (Philippines); five works by gay independent Filippino filmmakers about the socio-economic and AIDS crises faced by their country; 6 pm, $6. ***British TV***; see 6/20, Roxie; 8 pm; $6. ***She's Safe***, see 6/19, Roxie; 10 pm, $6. **At A Different Light Bookstore: *Panel: Queer Looks***, open discussion with some of this year's many visiting film & video makers; 5 pm, free. **At the Eye Gallery:** See 6/21, noon-8 pm, free. **At Pacific Film Archive: *Cover Stories*** (GrBr/USA/Aust/Can); Seven pieces looking at various aspects of gay male identity construction: *The Attendant, Black Body, The Wrong Son, I'll Show You, Victor, Disappearing Act* and *The Fairy Who Didn't Want to be a Fairy Anymore*; 7 pm, $6. ***Mala Noche***, see 6/18, Castro; 9:30 pm, $6.

Orlando, Sally Potter's sumptuous film spectacle, based on the novel by Virginia Woolf, opens today at Clay Theatre, 2261 Fillmore St, SF. Spanning the course of four centuries, the film tells the tale of a charismatic English aristocrat who experiences life thru shifting sexual identities.

Lesbian Health Care Providers/Students Gala Reception at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Reception honors physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, therapists, etc, involved in lesbian health care. 5-7 pm. 1748 Market St, SF. Ste 201.

Lesbian Videos at 1800 Square Feet, see 6/24.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: See 6/18 listing for details.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Safety Monitor Training Workshop: two-hour wkshop begins at 7 pm. Golden Gate Lutheran Church, 601 Dolores St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Rhinos on The Bay: 3rd Annual Harbor Lights Cruise: Romantic 3-hr cruise on SF Bay. Elegant buffet, no-host bar and fine entertainment by comics Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger and Scott Capurro. 7:30 pm, $45. Proceeds benefit Theatre Rhinoceros. Info/res: 861-5079.

Olivia 20th Anniversary Concert: Celebratory bash at Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley with Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Dianne Davidson, Deidre McCalla, Linda Tillery, Lucie Blue Tremblay and Teresa Trull, plus hilarious comics Karen Williams and Suzanne Westenhoefer. 8 pm. Tix $25, $35 & $75, available at BASS & Cal Performances. Call (510) 655-0364 for info. Don't miss!

"Up Close & At Home," dance performance by Dimensions Dance Theater at Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St, Oakl. Tonight thru 6/26 at 8 pm. Tix $15. Info/res: (510) 428-2466. Modern, jazz & traditional African dance.

BiPOL Parade Wkend Dance fundraiser in the Harriet Tubman Room at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Upstairs. Great dancing to DJ music—everything from oldies to current. $5 donation suggested. Info: Lani 821-3534.

SF Ethnic Dance Fest continues (see 6/18). Program: LDS Polynesian Dance Co (Samoan), Kafkaz Folk Song & Dance Co (Circassian), NuNamta Yup'ik Eskimo Singers & Dancers, Grupo Folklorico "Estampas De Chile" (Chilean), Lok Naach Performing Arts Academy (Punjabi), Group Petit La Croix (Haitian), Sol de Espana (Spanish), Jouvay Dance Co (Trinidadian), Laurie Eisler (North Indian) and Westwind Int'l Folk Dance Ensemble (Palestinian). Tonight & tmw.

At Mama Bears: Original songs & parodies by *Midlife Crisis* (Cynthia McQuillin & "Dr Jane" Robinson). 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Girth & Mirth Club 17th Anniversary Party: 8 pm. For directions/info call 824-0260.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Bestselling author Robert Parker reads from *Paper Doll*, his latest Spenser mystery. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.

COYOTE Fundraiser: Benefit for the sex workers' rights & educational organization (group focuses on the "demystification, destigmatization & decriminalization" of sex work). 8 pm, $7-10 SL donation. Mistress of ceremonies Christine Beatty. Program includes videos, presentation on sex work by Scarlot Harlot and entertainment by *It's Amy*, Carol Queen, Robbie D, *God's Girlfriend, Queen of Metal*, Danielle Willis, and Haas Beluvva. Doors open at 7 pm, videos shown until 9, when the show starts. At The Quake, 1748 Haight St, SF. Info: COYOTE 474-3037.

1 Percent My Ass! Night of queer performance at 848, see 6/24. Final night!

Touchstones with PerryDance Group—see 6/24.

15th Annual Pride Concert with SF Lesbian/Gay Chorus, the SF Gay Men's Chorus, Winds of Freedom, VOICES: The Bay Area Lesbian Ensemble and The Rhythm Method from Denver. Emcees Gail Wilson and Jose Sarria. 8 pm, $10 & $15. Herbst Theatre, War Memorial Performing Arts Complex, SF. Info/res: 861-7067.

"The Birthday Party," a celebration for Rita Rockett, Mark Abramson & June Lockhart, in loving memory of Al Parker. Event raises money for Rita Rockett's Sunday Brunches for AIDS Ward 5A at SF General Hospital. Event features Cable Car Award Winner Gail Wilson with *The Fabulous Velcros*. Prizes (13" color TV, VCR, CD player). Friends & fans of June Lockhart are encouraged to send birthday cards which will be forwarded to her. $1 donation. Tix at bar. Fun starts at 9 pm at Trax, 1437 Haight St, SF.

Club Rock: Weekend of hot parties with powerful, beautiful, loving women at King's Hall, 633 Valencia St, SF. Variety of beats by Jacqueline A Gandy (she-mix-so fine). Women only. Times/program: "Women Fever," tonight, 10 pm-3 am. "After-Hours Jam NY Style," tmw, midnight-5 am. "Gay Day BBQ" and more, 2 pm until... See you there.

Celebrate! A Night of Erotic Entertainment by Rainbeau Productions at Kennel Club, 628 Divisadero St, SF. DJ dancing by Evol-E, 9-11 pm and 12:30-2 am, erotic show at 11 pm, $10 admission.

Country-Western Dance to benefit the SF Fringe Riders at the Women's Building, 7:30 pm line dance lessons with Laureen Andrews, west coast swing lessons with Bob Dean. 9 pm dance/flirt to the latest & greatest c&w hits—till midnight! Tix $10 in adv, $12-15 at door. Info/res: 647-9670. 3543 18th St, SF.

"Tripmaster Funky," a lesbian/gay/bisexual dance party to benefit GAPA, Asian Pacific Sisters, Shamakami and Trikone, will take place on June 24. See Calendar for info. Photo by Theresa C. Thadani

JUN 26 / S A T

Gay & Lesbian Pride Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Meet 9 am at the Polo Fields, Golden Gate Park, SF. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.

SFGH AIDS Program is Looking for You: Special event commemorating 10th anniversary, see 6/19.

Lesbian & Gay Immigration Seminar: First-time program focuses on legal strategies for lesbian, gay & bisexual clients. Can a French lesbian join her lover in the United States? Will a persecuted gay Russian win political asylum here? These & other questions are discussed at today's seminar, a continuing legal education course on immigration issues facing sexual minorities. 9 am-1 pm at Monadnock Bldg, 685 Market St, SF. Spons by the Int'l Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, the Immigration Legal Resource Center and the Bar Association of SF's Gay & Lesbian Issues Commitee. Info: IGLHRC 255-8680.

Gay & Lesbian Run '93: Spons by SF Frontrunners. 5K/10K run or 5K walk, begins and ends at the Polo Field, Golden Gate Park, SF. Awards given to the top female and male finishers in all events. post-race potluck picnic celebration & awards ceremony follows run. Registration $20 with T-shirt. Everyone welcome! Proceeds benefit Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. For race applications and other info call 863-0954. Race applications are available in many Bay Area running stores. Join us!

SF Lesbian/Gay Film Fest continues! **At the Castro Theatre: *Among Men*** (Ger), a package of five boys' stories by Wielend Speck, maker of the 1987 gay favorite, *Westler: East of the Wall*; 11 am, $5. ***The Last Island***; see 6/22, Castro; 12:45 pm, $5. ***Amazing Grace*** (Israel): A naive Israeli teenager falls in love with a 30ish HIV-positive musician in Amos Gutman's wry and melancholy story, winner of the 1992 Jerusalem Independent Film Festival feature award. 3 pm, $5. ***Belle***, see 6/19, PFA; 5:15 pm, $6. ***Grief*** (USA): bittersweet comedy set behind the scenes of a bad daytime soap opera. Shown with *The Fairy Who Didn't Want to be a Fairy Anymore*; 7:30 pm, $7. **At the Roxie: *Girl Squad***: see 6/21; noon, $5. ***Body of Evidence*** (USA/Canada): Six new videos by Latino and African-American filmmakers: *Cholo Joto, Media Blackmale, Cities of Lust, Black Body, Disappearing Act* and *Victor*. 2 pm, $5. ***Melancholy Baby Remix*** (USA/GrBr). Five stories about gay men in love and in pain. 4 pm, $5. ***Women Like That*** (GrBr). Three film focusing on the lives of older lesbians: *Women Like That, West Coast Crones* and *A Common Flower*. 6:15 pm, $6. ***Slight Fever of a 20 Year Old;*** see 6/20, Roxie; 8:15 pm, $6. ***Love Me, Leave Me, Slap Me, Pierce Me... But Make It Short***; see 6/19, Roxie; 10:30 pm, $6. **At AMC Kabuki Theatre: *The Wedding Banquet*** (Taiwan). Delightful comedy about the conflict between modern sexual/social values and old-world traditions; 11 am, $5. **Bay Area Video Coalition** welcomes all lesbian & gay men and videomakers to an open house, featuring demonstrations. Call Leanne Lempinen at 861-3282; noon-4 pm, free. **At Eye Gallery: *D-Day 2***; see 6/22, noon-8 pm, free. **At Pacific Film Archive: *Agora*** (USA). Social conformity becomes psychological incarceration as five desperate people seek refuge in a bland Midwestern motel. Also *Put Your Lips Around Yes*; 5:30 pm, $6. ***Girl Power*** (USA): Some of the most evocative new shorts by and about lesbians—*Tempted, Peach, Things We Said Today, Out on the Road with Two Nice Girls* and *Amelia Rose Towers*; 7:30 pm, $6. ***Vera***, see 6/20, Castro; 9:30 pm, $6. Info: 431-9227.

Pets Unlimited Summer Open House for animal lovers: 10 am-4 pm at their adoption center, 2343 Fillmore St, SF. Festivities include guest speakers, an animal acupuncture demo, free pet products, food & drink, clowns, facepainting for kids and a raffle with great prizes—all free! Info: Pamela Lewis 563-6700.

23rd Annual LA Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration: Today & tmw in West Hollywood. Festival 10 am-midnight today; 10 am-11 pm tmw. Parade on Sunday begins at 11 am on the corner of Santa Monica Blvd and Crescent Hts. Festival Admission: $10 (special admission available for srs, PWAs, teens and the physically challenged). Info: (213) 848-2376.

Integrating Work & Self—Discover the Work you Are Meant to Do: Workshop designed for people whose need for fulfillment in their work is not being met. Whether in transition thru choice or necessity, unsure of your direction, or simply aware that it is time for a change, this workshop will help you: Begin to define work as a means of personal integration, become energized & feel supported while you clarify your vision of work, define options, see choices, determine what your next step should be. Led by Beverly Brown, MA. 10:30 am-5 pm, $45-60 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. UCSF, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room C130. Pre-reg required, call 476-5222 for info/reg.

See Clark Gable and Joan Crawford in the classic backstage musical "Dancing Lady," at the Pacific Ctr in Berkeley on June 26.

Bi-Friendly Duboce Triangle Schmooze: 3 pm. Bring the weirdest "munchies" you can think of, afterwards we'll probably pounce on the Castro for dinner, followed by dancing. Duboce/Noe SF location. For info call 554-0357.

X-Plicit Act of Intimacy: Debbie Moore & X-Plicit Players take nude activism off the street & into a 5-hr poetic performance ritual "that dissolves the walls of social conformity", taking audiences into altered states where tribal customs of extreme tenderness and body-reading, plus a "tour of touch" can be experienced personally. 5 pm, $12. New College, 777 Valencia St nr 16th St BART, SF. Info: (510) 540-0907.

SF Human Rights Campaign Fund Awards Dinner: This year's event honors Wiggsy Sivertsen and John Woods, who receive the James C Hormel Community Service Award and the Jerry E Berg Leadership Award. Speakers include Bob Hattoy, David Mixner and Lt Zoe Dunning. 6 pm, SF Fashion Center. Info/tix: 252-5677.

"Incredibly Strange Music" bash by RESearch at Dark Carnival Bookstore. Major fun party with autographing for the new volume from the creators of *Modern Primitives, Angry Women* and *Incredibly Strange Films*. Night of strange music & strange refreshments, with a strange music contest. Special guests include the *Phantom Surfers* and live exotic reptiles from the East Bay Vivarium. 6 pm, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Lesbian Videos at 1800 Square Feet: Final night! See 6/24 listing for details.

Tasmasha! A South Asian variety show spectacular with mantra merge music, kathak dance, filmi music, bharata natnam dance, hindi pop and more. Floor open for dancing after program. Spons by Shamakami: South Asian Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Forum; Sahan: South Asian HIV/AIDS Network and Trikone: Gay & Lesbian South Asians. Women's Bldg Auditorium, 3543 18th St, btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. BYOB. Snacks & soda served. Tix at door: $10 gen'l, $5 stdnts; in advance: $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts. Info/res: Trikone (408) 270-8776, Shamakami (415) 826-7370 or (415) 431-3039. Event is a benefit for Shamakami, Sahan & Trikone.

Uniform & Leather Ball: Phoenix Uniform Club's 16th Anniversary Celebration! 7 pm at the Green Room, SF War Memorial Performing Arts Complex, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Entertainment by Gail Wilson and *City Swing*. Tix $25 adv, $35 at door, 50 percent of proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Tix available at all Mr S Leather locations and Leather Masters in San Jose. Info: 584-5666.

Pacific Center Free Film Series continues with Robert Leonard's 1933 musical, *Dancing Lady*. Film, starring Joan Crawford, introduced baritone Nelson Eddy and dancer Fred Astaire. Screens 7 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Third floor meeting room. Info: (510) 548-8283.

The Dyke March: A celebration of lesbian struggle, survival & resistance. Gather 7:30 pm at Market & Castro Sts, SF. Bring torchlights, rhythm, noisemakers. All women are welcome! Spons by the Damned Lesbians Coalition. Also post-Dyke March block party & rally with dancing in the streets!—spons by Whiptail Lizard Collective, for location & other details call 330-8932.

Women Seeking Women: Stargazers' Astrological Matchmaking Party at the Women's Bldg: Exciting night of matchmaking! You'll receive your birth chart & a list of compatible signs (with advance res, you also get a free list of women at the party who are most compatible with you—compare your list with name tags at the party & meet your match!). Event includes short astrological talk, followed by dancing & hor d'oeuvres. To get your advance list you must register at least 24 hrs before the party. Admission with reservation is $10 paid in adv, $12 at paid at door. If you drop in without a reservation, admission is $15 and a list of your most compatible women is available for an addt'l $5 (make sure you arrive a little early). Personalized readings with astrologers/psychics also available. Info: Janice Barsky (800) 782-7496 or (707) 874-2205. 7:30-11:30 pm. 3543 18th St, SF.

Judy Fjell & Crystal Reeves in Concert at Mama Bears: 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Reservations suggested. Info: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

"Up Close & At Home" with Dimensions Dance Theater—Final performance! See 6/25.

The Cabaret: "Dancing for the Women Lifestyle of the 90s," celebrates Gay Pride with lots of DJ dancing, go-go girls and fun! 8 pm-2 am, 1484 Market St at 11 (nr Van Ness), SF. Info: 621-5001.

Meet Dr Deepak Chopra, bestselling author of *Perfect Health* and *Unconditional Life*. Dr Chopra gives an inspirational talk on Ayurveda and mind-body medicine. Spons by Kairos House and Ayurveda Health & Educational Resources of SF (AHERSF). 8-9:30 pm, $20 suggested donation (proceeds benefit the AIDS programs of Kairos House & AHERSF). St Mary's Cathedral Conference Cetner, 1111 Geary St at Gough, SF. Info: 255-1928.

SF Ethnic Dance Fest: Final day! See 6/18 & 25 listings for details.

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"Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.
Touchstones with PerryDance Group, see 6/24. Final performance!
Bisexual Pride Party at Hot Chihuahua, 1801 Fillmore at Sutter, SF. 8:30 pm. A bi celebration for bisexual men & women.
"Puttin' On the Ritz", Annual lesbian pride bash spons by BACW (Bay Area Career Women) and Olivia Records. 8:30 pm-1:30 am at GiftCenter Pavilion, 888 Brannan St, SF. Entertainment by Linda Tillery and her *Skin Tight* band! Tix $40 adv, $50 at door. Info/res: 495-5393.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Ton of Bricks, Meatball Heros* and *Love Posse* with *Moedark*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Queer Rock at the Elbo Room with *Pansy Division, gLue* and *CWA (Cunts with Attitude)*. 10 pm. 647 Valencia St, SF.
Club Rock for Women: Gay Pride Wkend bash—see 6/25.

JUN 27 / SUN

Year of the Queer!!! 1993 SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration: Parade begins 11 am at 8th & Market Streets, proceeding to the Embarcadero for a huge celebration with lots of entertainment on several stages, hundreds of booths, loads of fun. For info on childcare or special needs call the Parade Office: 864-3733.
GLOE 3rd Annual Post-Parade Party: Join Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders for a post-parade garden party at 1853 Market St, SF. GLOE's Cable Car leaves the Parade and goes directly to the party. For party info or to find out about being in the GLOE cable car contingent, call 626-7000.
SF Int'l Lesbian/Gay Film Fest concludes today! **At the Roxie Cinema:** ***Being Blue*** (Russia/USA). Two new documentaries—*Kiev Blue* and *To My Women Friends*—tell of the joy & hardships of being lesbian & gay in Russia. 5 pm, $5. ***Real Girls & Boys***; see 6/20, PFA; 7 pm, $6. ***Out for Laughs***—queer comics and queer comedy as you've never seen it before; 9 pm, $6. Info: 431-9227.
23rd Annual Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration, see 6/26 listing for details.
SFGH AIDS Program is Looking for You: Special event commemorating 10th anniversary, see 6/19.
Club Rock for Women: Gay Pride Bash—see 6/25.
The Cabaret, club celebrating "the women lifestyle of the 90s," hosts a Gay Day party, 2 pm-2 am, 1484 Market St at 11th (nr Van Ness), SF. Info: 621-5001.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Candela*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Night of 2000 Women at Club Skirts: A Gay Pride celebration featuring Sabrina Johnson singing "Peace in the Valley,"

Naked Tribal Heat: An ecstatic dance affair for men loving men, in a substance-free, naked, erotic touch environment. Very hot! A celebration of breath, bodies, touch and pride. 8:30 pm-1 am (must arrive by 9 pm to get in). Adv tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, SF. Tix $20 adv, $30 at door. For info/location call the Tribal Hotline: 552-3242. An alternative way of being high together as a tribe of loving men.

and comic Marilyn Pittman. Doors open at 5 pm. 300 De Haro St at 16th, SF. Info Line: 337-4962.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Come and play with Sark, the author of *A Creative Companion* and *Inspiration Sandwich*. 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Faster Pussycat! celebrates Gay Day with *The Del Rubio Triplets*! 5 pm at The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.
The Queers' Bash: Post-Parade party with Asian AIDS Project's Rubber Club. A celebration of safe sex, queerness & the ethnic diversity of the Pacific Islands and Asia. Lots of ethnic food, dancing. All you baklas, gaylas, tong hsin lian, gay lou & bonda—bring your queer selves out tonight! Doors open at 7 pm at 'N Touch: 1548 Polk St, SF.
NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.
Bookparty at Mama Bears for Agnes Bushell, author of the lesbian mystery, *Death by Crystal*. 3 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Dianne Davidson & Band at La Pena: Hot concert of blues, rock, country & folk—8 pm, $8 adv, $9 at door. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2573.

JUN 28 / MON

A Day of Mourning for Public Health: Rally at 5 pm outside SF City Hall to protest budget cuts that threaten to decimate the Dept of Public Health. Spons by the Coalition for Public Health Services. Everyone concerned by public health is asked to wear black clothing on this day. For recorded info on the cuts call the Health Budget Hotline 979-5068. For other info call Bob Nelson 864-7400 or Alex Vitale 346-3740.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 6/21.
AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women—see 6/21.
Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JUN 29 / TUE

LoveWorks live call-in on KPFA: Hour-long program on lesbian relationships, noon-1 pm, 94.1 FM. Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein, co-founders of LoveWorks, Inc, are interviewed by Penny Rosenwasser on the Brainstorm Radio Hour. Info: LoveWorks 572-1999.
At Alexander Book Co: Paul Kafka reads from her first novel, *Love, Enter*, a bittersweet tale of awakening and longing. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 6/22.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all levels. Classical nude modeling by posterman Jim Rueth. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
"Balancing Negative Karma: the Path of Compassion & Wisdom," a talk by Rev Jonathan. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Ace London, author of *The Closets Are Empty... The Dining Room's Full*, discusses his years as a publicist and personal manager, and as an early gay rights activist. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
"Dreaming in Color," a benefit for Project Open Hand at Josie's Cabaret, featuring SF's new cabaret group, *Upfront* (David Salinas, Judy Madden, Georganna Reis, Deane Larson) performing pop classics, music from the 40s & 60s, and Broadway show tunes. Musical director & accompanist, Rick Santamaria. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
Torch Ginger at Eichelberger's Bar & Restaurant, 2742 17th St, SF. 10 pm, free. Info: 863-4177.

JUN 30 / WED

No Fear, No Die at the Roxie Cinema: A visual tour-de-force, film tells the tale of two Black men, immigrants to France, who become involved in supplying fighting cocks to a sleazy restauranteur. Thru 7/8. 3117 16th St, SF.
At Alexander Book Co: Contributors to the anthology *Women on Women Two* read from their work. *Women on Women Two* is a collection of stories that embrace the contradictions & differences of the lesbian community. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.
Project Inform Update Town Mtg: Provides update on the IX Int'l AIDS Conference in Berlin, for HIV positive people and the general audience. At UCSF Laurel Heights Auditorium, 3333 California St at Presidio, SF. Sub Level 1. For time & other info call 558-9051.
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AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women, see 6/21 listing.
Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group meets—See 6/23.
Bi Women's Support Group: Come talk & share experiences with other bi women. Extra meeting this month, at a new location! Info: Valerie 641-1308.
Peace Corps Community Forum & Film Show: Info presentation & film, chance for Bay Area residents to meet former Peace Corps volunteers, learn more about volunteer opportunities overseas (volunteers must be US citizens, in good health, at least 18 years old, have a bachelor's degree or 3-5 years of skilled work experience. There's no upper age limit). 7-9 pm, Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, Room 370. Buchanan & Bay Sts, SF. Info: (800) 292-2461 ext 325.
Ache Showcase of Black gay & lesbian culture at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm, donation. Info: (510) 849-2573.
At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Cynthia Heimel discusses her funny, insightful book, *Get Your Tongue Out of My Mouth, I'm Kissing You Goodbye*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/17.
At Printers Ink Bookstore: Author Hal Zina Bennett discusses *Zuni Fetishes*, new informative guide to the fetishes of the Zuni people of New Mexico—their history and uses in meditation, insight & reflection. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.
At Faster Pussycat! *Bratmobile* from Seattle, WA. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

JUL 1 / THU

Women Survivors Open Mike at Mama Bears: Women survivors of traumatic abuse tell their story thru poetry, journals, narrative, movement, visual art & performance. Safe, supportive place to share your work. Ongoing series, meets 1st Thurs of each month. 7 pm, $3. Women only. Reservations suggested. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

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On Exhibit at the de Young: "Arneson & Politics: A Commemorative Exhibition," thru 8/15. "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, thru 8/22. "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit of Art Nouveau style clothing; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, thru 7/25. "Thresholds & Enclosures: TV as Sculpture," featuring the work of 6 American artists; thru 7/11. "General Idea's Fin de Siecle." This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs 7/22-9/5; 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; thru 9/19. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; thru 9/19. "Designs in Wood" by Albert Rosenblatt; thru 6/29. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
The Mexican Museum: "Visiones del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin America," over 250 folk art objects from 17 Latin American countries, on exhibit thru 7/25. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. Ansel Adams Port- folio IV," thru 9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," 6/23-8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
Architrave Gallery: Group exhibit—sculpture by Todd Campbell, paintings by Victor Antonetti & Bob Bruman. Exhibit runs thru July. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.
Architects & Heroes: Silkscreens by Mark Oberlin on exhibit thru 7/25. 2239 Fillmore St, SF.
Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.
Bomani Gallery: "Source, Continuum & Reflections," sculptural works by Ampofo-Anti, paintings by Wosene Kosrof, Arthur Carraway & Woodrow Johnson. 251 Post St, SF. Thru 7/24. Info: 296-8677.
Capp Street Project: "Utopia in the Teen Age," an inter-media installation exploring the concept & experience of adolescence in the United States. Exhibit runs thru 6/26. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.
Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: "Peanuts," an animation art trunk show, the most extensive collection of "Peanuts" production cels ever assembled under one roof. Exhibit runs thru 7/7, opening reception 6/19, 2-5 pm. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.
Eye Gallery: "Queerly Defined," exhibit of "photographically-based work organized around issues of the queer body." Exhibit runs thru 7/8, opening reception 6/17, 6-9 pm. 1151 Mission St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Thurs. Info: 431-6911.
Gallery on the Rim: "Paintings by Dodson," on exhibit thru 7/12, opening reception 6/25, 5:30-8:30 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.
John Pence Gallery: Recent work by Hans Erni, on exhibit thru 6/26. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.
The Lab Gallery: "Swarm," an installation by Elliot Linwood, on exhibit thru 6/26. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.
The Luggage Store Gallery: "Let's Find Out About Tools," a mixed media installation with film on gender bias, by Stephanie Cress, Josie Iselin & Kathryn Weinstein; on exhibit thru 7/3. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.
Robert Koch Gallery: "Meiji Portraits: Japan, 1860s-1870s," and "Hiroh Kikai: Ecce Homo" on exhibit thru 7/3. "Introductions 1993," and "Lynne Cohen: Lost & Found," on exhibit 7/8-8/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.
SF Arts Commission Gallery: "Mythologies," an exhibit of works by Brian Conery, Marc Henrich, Sarah Puckitt & Robynn Smith, visual artists exploring personal myths & icons. Thru 7/17. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.
SF Camerawork: "Hypothalamic In[Queer]ies, curated by Robert Kelley; "Tit for Twat: Madam & Eve in the Garden," by Kaucyila Brooke; on exhibit 6/17-7/17. Opening reception 6/18, 6-9 pm. Related Events: 6/19 at 1 pm at Eye Gallery, 1151 Mission St, SF, $10: Open Portfolio Review with Kaucyila Brooke; limited to 10 people. 6/26 at 1 pm, $5 & $7: Lesbian Photographers Panel with H Len Keller, Kaucyila Brooke, Cathy Opie & Kathleen Clark at SF Camerawork. July 8 at 8 pm, $5 & $7: Gay(la) Performance Event with Rodney O'Neal Austin, Arnold J Kemp & Philip Horvitz at SF Camerawork. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.
SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Art Deco in SF," exhibit features elegant, well designed utilitarian objects, both one-of-a-kind and machine made, from SF's art deco period; on exhibit thru 6/27. "Face to Face: Clayton Bailey & Traditional Southern Face Vessels," on exhibit thru 6/27. "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; 7/3-8/29, opening reception 7/6, 5-7 pm. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit

of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; 7/3-8/29, opening reception 7/6, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "Queer Mysteries," work by David Cannon Dashiell, 1993 Adaline Kent Award-winner, on exhibit thru 7/3. "Sue Williams: Recent Work," paintings dealing with domestic dysfunction, eating disorders, obsessive behavior & the violent psychological & sexual abuse of women, on exhibit 7/15-8/14; reception 7/14, 5:30-7:30 pm; artist's talk 7/14 at noon. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

SF Public Library: "Prejudice & Pride: Selections from the Gay & Lesbian Center," exhibit from the special collections of the new Main Library. SF Public Library is the first public library in the world to create a permanent research center devoted to the documentation of gay & lesbian culture. This exhibit highlights some of the materials which will be housed there when the library opens in early 1996; and features continuous screening of various lesbian & gay filmworks. Exhibit runs thru 7/31 in Phelan Hall, SF Main Library, 3rd floor, Civic Center, SF. Info: Jim Van Buskirk 557-4566.

Vision Gallery: On exhibit thru 7/15: "Re-Arrangements," works by Debra Heimerdinger; "Witnesss of Time," a platinum/palladium portfolio by Flor Garduno; "The Spirit of Structure," works by Tillman Crane. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: Paintings & drawings by David Palmer on exhibit thru 7/3. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: Solo exhibit by Pamela Lanza, 6/22-7/24. Xerography & photo etching, with painting & drawing. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mole Gallery: "Saving Face," a compilation of black & white staged photographs by Adriana Marchione, on exhibit thru 6/24. Hrs: 4 pm-2 am. 3286 22nd St at Valencia, SF. Info: 553-8982.

Morphos Gallery: Paintings, photography, bronze & kinetic sculpture by Frank Garvey, on exhibit thru 6/23. Artist's discussion & video screening 6/22, 8-10 pm. "Emilie Clark: Recent Work," paintings & monotypes on exhibit 6/25-7/21, opening reception 6/25, 7-9 pm. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "East Bay Open Studio," directory exhibit of the most representative view of Eastbay artists working in all media; thru 6/23. "Kate Connell: Loss of Limb," a multimedia installation exploring physicality; and "Scott Braley: The Homeless Photography Project," selection of works resulting from a continuing project teaching photography to the homeless; "Drawings by Barry Simons"; 7/7-8/21; reception 7/8, 8-7 pm; poetry reading by Simons at 8 pm. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "TV Times: The World thru the Box," work by several artists, urging the viewers to question the role of television in their lives. Exhibit runs thru 7/11. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: "Q Art," exhibit of the work of gay artists; also "Crossing the Line: An Exhibition of Gender Transgressions," photo exhibit curated by the Gay & Lesbian Historical Society. Shows Bay Area photographers' work dealing with cross-dressing & stylized gender roles. Includes work by Mariette Pathy Allen, Steven Baratz, Alicia Brite, Phyllis Christopher, Honey Lee Cottrell, Greg Day, Austin Newsom, Daniel Nicoletta, Freddy Niem, Jill Posener, Miguel Ronquillo & Michael Rosen. 6/18-7/17, opening reception 6/25, 6-8:30 pm. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

Manuelita's Gallery & Antiques: Works by Mark Mulleian. Thru 7/30. 3109 Fillmore St, SF. Ste 210. Hrs: Wed-Sat, 1-5 pm. Info: 923-0822.

NIAD Gallery: "Exquisite NIAD: Open Studio Exhibit," of works by disabled artists; thru 7/31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Work by Carrie Mae Weems on exhibit thru 7/31. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Paintings by Frank Pietronigro celebrating the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights; on exhibit thru 6/30, opening reception 6/17, 6:30-9 pm at State of the Art Gallery, 524 Hayes St, SF.

"Clay Forms," by Matthew Zachary and **"Photographic Studies"** by Gerry Traucht, on exhibit at Christensen Heller Gallery, 5831 College Ave, Oakland, thru 7/3.

New Paintings by David Abbot, on exhibit at Sweet Inspiration thru 6/30. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 621-8664.

"Land Marks," solo exhibit of works by Robin Tichane; on exhibit thru 6/30 at Commonwealth Club of California, 595 Market St at 2nd, SF.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings on exhibit at Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro St, SF; thru 7/5, and at RJ Fine Foods, 1609 Polk St, SF. Thru July.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, Ste, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Metal," exhibit of works by Genevieve Barnhart, Renee Frances Brown, Ron Megorden & Jeff Thomas, thru 7/11. Quicksilver Mine Co. 14028 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"Inside/Outside: The Landscape of the Desert Meets the Landscape of the Factory Floor," 32 photographs by David Bacon on exhibit at Cafe Firenze, 2116 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley; thru 6/30.

"March on Washington" photo exhibit by Steve Thompson. On exhibit thru 7/6 at the Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St, SF. Info: (415) 552-6102 or (510) 827-3467.

"Dreamscapes," new photographs by Stephen Savage, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru 6/30. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit thru 9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

Gay Pride '93 Art Exhibit spons by Levi Strauss & Co Lesbian/Gay Employee Assoc. Features mixed media works by Bay Area gay, lesbian & bisexual artists. Exhibit runs thru 6/24 at Levi's Plaza, 1155 Battery St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-7 pm Mon-Fri.

"Lesbian, Gay, Bi Pride," exhibit of works by over 30 artists, thru July at Bearded Lady Cafe & Gallery, 485 14th St, SF. Info: 626-2805.

"Breaking the Silence," art exhibit and workshops about and for survivors of child sexual abuse. Art exhibit composed of collection of masks, paintings & sculpture by artist/survivor Katheryn Trenshaw. Ms Trenshaw also gives slideshow & lecture series & a series of interactive mask-making workshops. For info/res call Kim Lau 431-1180. SF Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Thru 7/8.

"Photographers of Marin," group show by the Marin Assoc of Professional Photographers and the Center for Global Spirituality. On exhibit thru 7/26. 1610 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon. Info: 435-6407.

On stage

Private Lives, Noel Coward's wickedly witty comedy of bad manners concludes Berkeley Rep's 25th anniversary season. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 6/27. Sat matinee at 2 pm on 6/26; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 6/3 & 17. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley. Tix $19-31. For tix & other info call (510) 845-4700.

Cho-Mu, a collaborative installation/performance piece by Reiko Goto & Joanna Haigood. Performances Tues-Sat at 2 pm, with additional 4 pm performances on Wed & Sat, thru 6/26 at Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Free. Info: 626-7747.

La Ronde II by Eric Bentley. All-male adaptation of the Schnitzler round-robin of sexual couplings plays at the Alcazar Loft, 650 Geary St, SF. London Pacific Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 7 & 10 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $20. $1 of each ticket sold during the run will go the AIDS Emergency Fund. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. On-site parking available. Tix at BASS. Info/res: 749-1790.

Coconut by Adele Prandini. Musical fable. Passions ignite in the heat of a tropical sun as long-lost lovers, land developers, environmentalists, tourists and a native shaman vie for the future of paradise. Music by Bob Davis & Jeanine Strobel, lyrics by Bob Davis, Adele Prandini & Jeanine Strobel. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 6/26. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 861-5079 or the Theatre Rhino Box Office at 2926 16th St, SF.

The Music Man: The Mountain Play Association presents its 80th Mountain Play at Mt Tamalpais Mountain Theatre, creating its own life-like version of 1912 River City, Iowa. Play runs 6/19, 20 & 27 at 1 pm; 6/19 show is a benefit for Calif State Parks. Adv tix $16 gen'l, $11 over 64 & under 18. Tix at gate are $2 add'l. Info/res: 383-1100.

The Crackwalker by Judith Thompson. Chilling contemporary drama centers on four people clinging to the edge of an urban social order where love & tenderness struggle to coexist with the accepted norms of brutality & violence. Y Theater production. Play runs Thurs-Sat, $7-10. All shows at 8 pm except Sun "pay as you can" matinees at 2 pm. The Y Theater, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info/res: 885-0460.

The Dick & the Devil by Gary Aylesworth. Solo play, a provocative new work about a serial killer investigation. Construction Crew Theater Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, thru 6/26. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 641-4454.

The Moon by Henry Steele. Part two of the "Herodiadne" trilogy. Three-person play focuses on what happens when Ariadne, weary of her lamentable plight, wills herself into another mythological dimension—Judeo-Christian—and "becomes" Herodias, mother-to-be of Salome—almost (hence her new name, Herodiadne). The Marsh production. Play runs Thurs-Sun thru June at 8 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

New World a world premiere by Dan Weber. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 6/26. Asian American Theatre Center, 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 751-2600.

Skirts, all-female sketch comedy team, plays every Fri night thru June at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. 10:30 pm, $7. Info/res: 641-0235.

Hurricane by Anne Galjour. A full-length dark comedy centered around the lives of several people in a small Cajun community, just north of the Gulf of Mexico. All six characters are played by Galjour. Climate Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 6/27 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Each night's performance is followed by a red beans & rice feast prepared for the audience by Ms Galjour. Tix $12-14. Info/res: 626-9196.

Beat conceived & directed by Anthony St Martin. Beat celebrates SF's Beat Generation thru the prose & poetry of the era's most prolific & innovative writers—Gregory Corso, Diane diPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure, Gary Snyder and Bob Kaufman; accompanied by the moody jazz of such luminaries as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk & Anita O'Day. North Beach Rep Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 6/27 at North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF. Tix $12-15. Stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: 928-4860.

Tommy Tune returns to SF with "Tommy Tune Tonite!" featuring a new repertoire of songs from Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. Best of Broadway production. Runs thru 7/4 at the Curran Theatre, SF. For tix and other info call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

Deepest Sympathy by Reed Kirk Rahlmann. Black comedy surrounding the web of unethical legal shenanigans arising from criminal negligence resulting in a death at the "Greener Pastures" nursing home. Bindlestiff Productions. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 6/26. Bindlestiff Theatre, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Tix $7 at door. Info/res: 974-1167.

Accomplice by Rupert Holmes. Riotous comedy thriller produced by Palo Alto Players. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 6/20 at 7 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $14-16. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Info/ res: 329-2623.

Holly Near performs her autobiographical one-woman show, "Fire in the Rain...Singer in the Storm" at the Stage Door Theatre, SF on June 26. OnStage has details. Photo by Jay Thompson

In Xanadu... (Invisible Cities) collaborative theater work by shadow master/director/writer Larry Reed and producer/choreographer Eva Stoltes. A shadow theater work featuring dance, language, gesture, masks and music. Run Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 6/24-27. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $14 & $10. Info/res: 621-7797.

Queen of Angels by Carroll Pickett. This wildly imaginative comedy, subtitled, "A Tragical Comedy or Comical Tragedy, Full of Intrigue & Plenty of Dancing, Angry Scenes! Deceptions! Songs! and Arousals of Love! Demons That Fly Across the Stage, with a Chorus of Naked Queers," is set inside a carnival tent and showcases the demented memory & dreams of one Max, a poet. Ponderhill production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/3, Sun 6/20 at 7 pm, matinee performances 6/19, 20 & 26 and 7/3 at 3 pm. For tix & other info/res call 861-5079. Theatre Rhino Mainstage, 2926 16th St, SF.

The Substance of Fire by Jon Robin Baitz. Critically acclaimed off-Broadway hit is a passionate drama about a fiercely intellectual & venemously witty NY publisher & Holocaust survivor whose refusal to compromise his high standards has brought the family business to the brink of financial ruin, creating a seemingly insurmountable rift between him and his three grown children. Magic Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 7/11 (no 6/20 performance, no 7/4 performance). Tix $12 stdnts/ srs, $17-21 regular performances. Magic Theatre/Northside, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

The Tenth Muse by Richard Talavera. Drama based on the life & work of the famous 17th century Mexican feminist, poet, scientist & nun, Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz. Produced by Intersection for the Arts. Play runs Thurs-Sun thru 6/27; at 8 pm. Tix $10. Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Cinderella: A Tale of Survival by choreographer Krissy Keefer, playwright Toni Press & feminist composer Ferron. The Dance Brigade premieres an innovative rendition of the classic tale, performed by its multiracial dance troupe and accompanied by Ferron & her 4-

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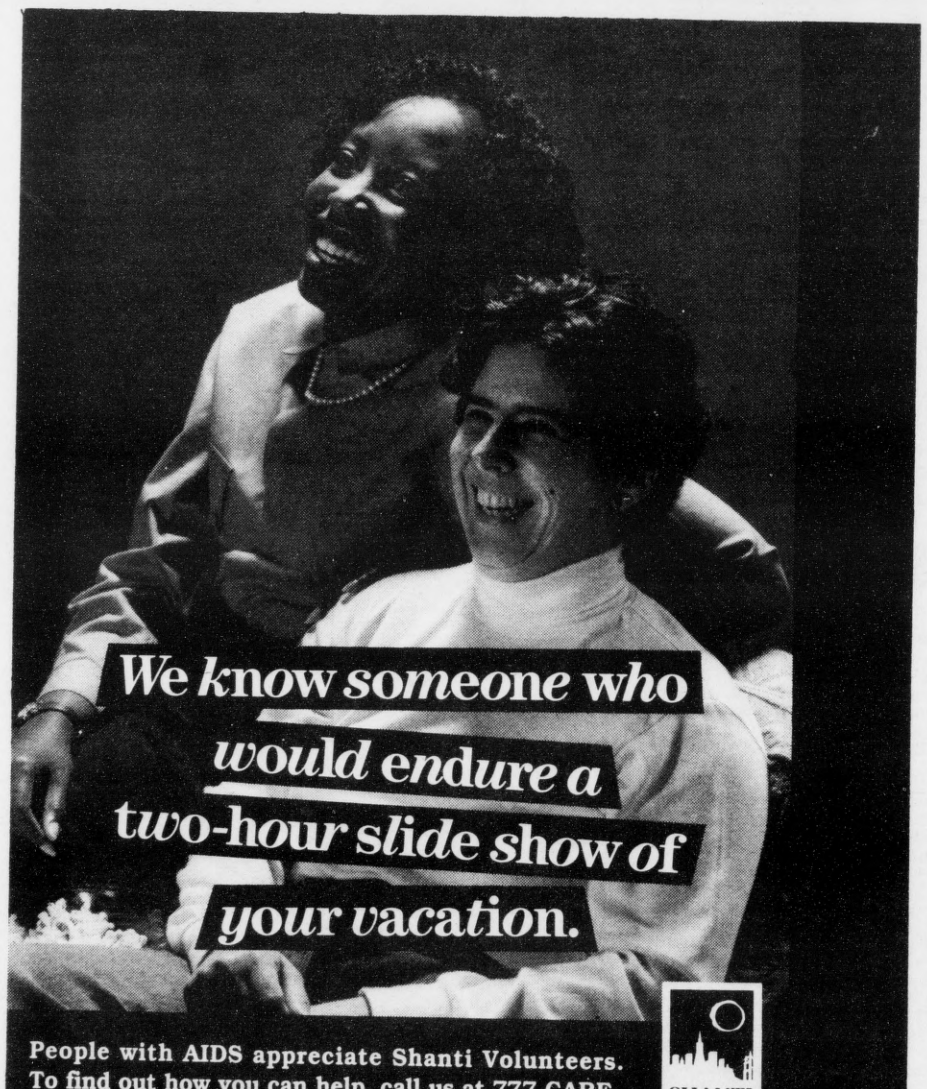

piece music ensemble, exploring child abuse & domestic violence. Production is sign-interpreted. Runs Fri-Sun thru 6/20 and Thurs-Sun 6/17-20 at 8 pm at Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon at 9th St, Oakl. Tix $15 adv, $17 at door; $10 for kids 12 & under, seniors & the disabled. Info/res: (510) 465-3686.

Lie of the Mind by Sam Shepard. Two emotionally damaged lovers, drowning in a violent relationship, continue to reach out for each other in Shepard's incisive exploration of the disintegration of the American family. Play runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/10. $14. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Irving Berlin in Revue lively salute to the popular composer previews thru 6/22, $20; opens 6/23; runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 2:30 pm; Sun at 7 pm. Tix $21 & $25 on weekdays & Sun at 7 pm; $24 & $28 on weekends. Info/res: 433-9500 or BASS. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, SF.

Goodbye to All That: Henry Stele performs songs from his new album at The Marsh on 6/19 & 6/26 at 10:30 pm. 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Candlestick Tales by Isabelle Maynard, Presco Corpuz Tabios, Stephen Most, Lee Jenkins, Marijane Datson & Tony Sciullo, associate members of the Oral History Playwrights Project. A re-telling of The Canterbury Tales, based on Bay Area oral histories. After another earthquake shocker, a group of 49-ers fans stumble into a local bar in need of a phone, help and a drink, each with a story to tell. Tale Spinners Theatre production. Play runs 6/22 & 6/29 at 8:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235. Tix $6-9 SL fee.

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. Williams' drama of a woman living with illusions of past elegance, and her struggle with a brutish brother-in-law in a New Orleans tenement. Y Theatre production. Classic play is given new meaning in a co-production with A Black Box Theatre that features an African-American cast. Play previews 6/23 at 8 pm, $7; runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, $7-10; with Sun "pay what you can" matinees at 2 pm. Y Theater, Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. 2nd floor. Info/res: 885-0460.

F. Alan Hale & Gayle Schmitt give solo performances at The Fifth Floor, 300 Brannan St, Ste 510, SF. Sat nights in June: 6/19 & 26 at 8 pm. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tix $8. Info/res: 495-5362.

Beirut by Alan Bowne. Play about love in the plague years which explores the choice between living in a world where sex is a crime and crossing the boundaries into a world of danger & risk in order to feel alive. Single Strand production. Runs 6/18 & 6/19 at HOJ, 110 Capp St, SF. All performances at 8 pm. Tix $8 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/res: 821-6968.

American Buffalo by David Mamet. Shotgun Players production runs Thurs-Sat, thru end of June. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. LaVal's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 869-4669.

Like Dog & Dog by Steve Hayes-Pollard. In a small town in the south of Spain, the mayor, chief of police and a hot-shot lawyer organize the capture of the young homosexual poet & playwright Federico Garcia Lorca. Arrested for performing in violation of a curfew, the poet is ordered to confess to inciting the public to riot. When he refuses, Lorca is forced to play a vicious game to defend his art & his life. Hardback Theater production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/res: (510) 549-9446. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th St & Dwight, Berkeley.

Jungle Red produced by Artfull Circle Theater. By the people who brought you "Whatever Happened to BB Jane?", a musical comedy of "The Women," starring mostly men. Play opens 6/18, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2:30 pm, thru 7/18. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St (btwn Laguna & Octavia), SF. Tix $13 Thurs/Sun, $15 Fri/Sat. Info/res: 626-5455 or BASS.

Hello, Dolly! Lamplighters Music Theatre production of the Broadway treasure opens 6/19, runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm thru 8/1. No performance July 4th wkend. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Tix $24. Info/res: 752-7755.

The Exorcist: A Dance Macabre, conceptual horror-comedy laced with modern dance, presented by the Sick & Twisted Players. Fri & Sat thru 7/3 at Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Linda Blair Look-Alike Contest held every night! $10. Info/res: 863-5946. 9 pm.

Fire in the Rain...Singer in the Storm play is the life story of singer Holly Near, set to music. Written by Holly Near and her sister Timothy Near. Play begins previews 6/20, opens 6/26, runs thru 8/1 at Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason St, SF. Tix $25 previews, $28-34 regular performances. Performances Wed & Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun eves at 7:30 pm, matinees Sat & Sun at 2 pm. Info/res: 346-7805.

Issue of Blood a new viral opera in progress, by Animal J Smith. Play based on the experience of Wayne Bruce Lee, an HIV-positive tattoo artist who allegedly splattered his blood on four SF police officers during a botched suicide attempt in Sept of 1992, and was subsequently jailed & charged with 4 counts of attempted murder based on his HIV status. He spent 4 months in jail. Play in wkshop performances 6/25-26 and 7/2-3 at The Lennon Studios, 271 Dore Alley (Bryant btwn 9th & 10th Sts), South of Market, SF. 9:30 pm, $5 gen'l, people with AIDS are free. Audience is encouraged to remain after the performance to discuss & respond to the work. Info/res: 561-1441.

Not Without My Nipples! A made-for-TV musical by the creators of The Real Live Brady Bunch. Comedy-musical hostage drama aobut a summer retreat, a tacky awards ceremony, a made-for-TV-movie and a salad. Victoria Theatre presentation. Open-ended run. Wed-Fri at 8 pm, Sat at 7 & 9:30 pm. Tix $10-15. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th St near BART, SF. Info/res: 863-7576.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives. Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860.

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369. Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network.

POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation). Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC;

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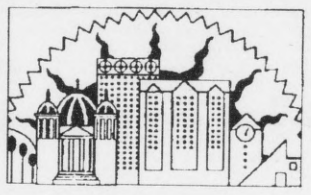
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6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project. Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF, 2nd floor, 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

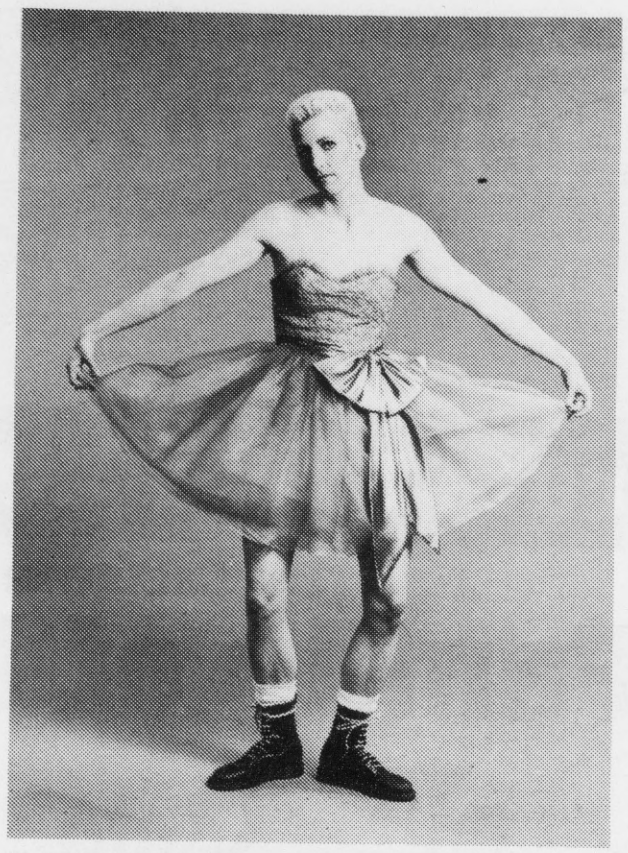
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.



"Crossing the Line," photos exploring gender transgression at ARU Gallery. Shown: "Statford." See Galleries for info. Photo by Daniel Nicoletta

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" ×5" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

ARC/AIDS Vigil. See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC-Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30 + especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbians in the Military Anthology: Submissions sought for *War Stories: Lesbian Experiences in the Military*, an anthology edited by Jody Hoenninger. Lesbians who have served in the military are invited to share their stories; submit art, photos, love letters, etc that pertain to their military experience. If you were discharged for being lesbian, served from a khaki closet, or found someplace in-between, please write. All accounts of all aspects of lesbian life in the military are welcome. Confidentiality guaranteed, you may use a pen name, but please include real name in cover letter. Send SASE or iniquiries to Judy Hoenninger, PO Box 94091, Pasadena CA 91109. Deadline: August 1.

The Evidence of Being: Call-for Interviews for nationwide oral history project consisting of a series of audio interviews & photographs which will be compiled into a book entitled *The Evidence of Being*, about Black gay lifestyles in the early part of the 20th century. Editors Essex

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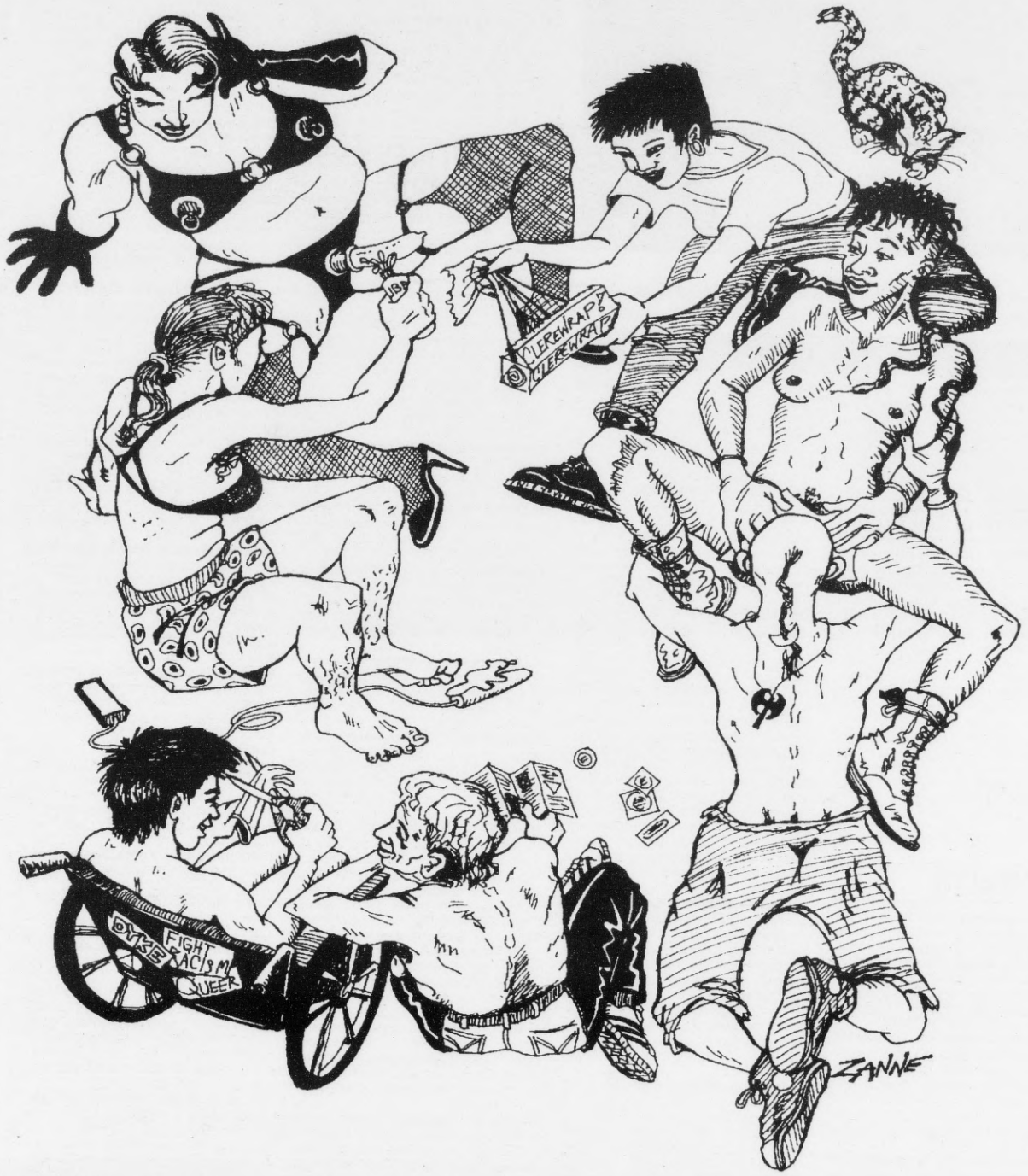

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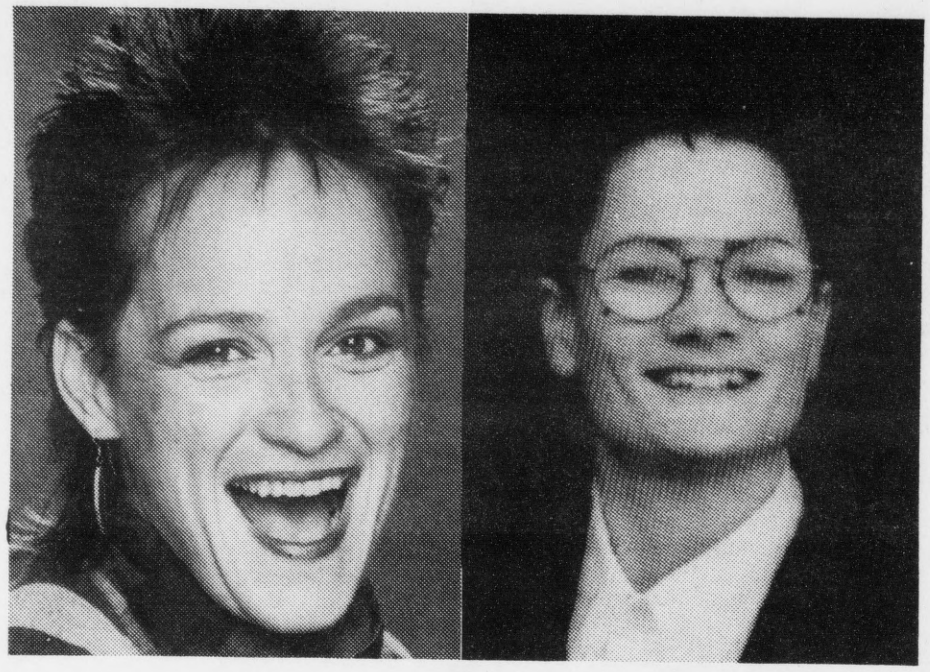

Comedians Marilyn Pittman (l) and Amy Boyd will perform at the Tea Spot Cafe in Berkeley on June 19. Calendar has info. Photo of Amy Boyd by Frankie Jane

Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) and Ron Simmons, PhD, writer, photographer & media producer seek Black gay men 60 years of age or older to interview. Some questions: How did Black homosexual men negotiate their roles as sons, brothers, uncles & fathers? How did they relate to the larger Black community? Did religion & the church influence their lives? Was there recognition of homosexuality? Name-calling? Respect? Did the word "gay" have any meaning then? These and other questions will be asked in an effort to trace the evolving construction of Black homosexual/gay identity. If you are willing to share your stories/memories please respond in writing to: Essex Hemphill, The Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455 or Ron Simmons, The Evidence of Being, PO Box 48100, Washington, DC, 20002.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

We're Not Who You Think We Are: Submissions sought for an anthology on "the silent majority of gays, lesbians & bisexuals." Narratives may include the obvious (Native Americans, hearing impaired, etc) or not-so-obvious (closeted priest or politician, biracial couple suffering discrimination from other gays, lesbian who opposes abortion). The goal of the anthology is to show how varied our community is. Strong opinions encouraged. For more info contact Stephen Kyle, PO Box 2745, Quincy, MA 02269. Manuscripts are to be typed, double-spaced. Length: up to 6000 words. Send SASE. Deadline: 6/93.

Out—Did You Write A Letter? SF-based production group seeks people who came out to family or significant others thru a letter. If you're interested in candidly sharing your writings & stories, please call Mary (510) 526-2471 or Maureen (415) 824-1456 or write to Outloud Television, PO Box 31520, SF 94131 for details.

Special Sex Talk Issue of *Lesbian Contradiction: A Journal of Irreverent Feminism*. *LesCon* wants to hear about your sex life—what you do, who your partners are, how you do it—and why. What does sex mean in your life—a way to get to know someone, or something you do only with someone you know well? A way to keep distance? Recreation? Fun? A struggle—because of past sexual abuse, or exhaustion or worry, disability—or the mistaken assumptions other women have about disability? Send your articles/drawings to LesCon, 584 Castro St #356, SF 94114. Deadline: 7/30.

9th Annual Film Arts Festival: Call for entries to this unique annual showcase of independent media made in Morthern California (festival takes place 11/3-7 at Roxie Cinema, SF). Independent films & videos of any length & genre by makers living in Northern Calif (Monterey to the Oregon border) are eligible. Works in 35mm, 16mm or Super-8 film, or ¾" video (½" VHS tapes are acceptable for preview) may be submitted. Festival is non-competitive, no entry fee, honoraria paid for works shown. For entry forms/info send SASE to FAF, 346 9th St, SF 94103, 2nd floor or call Lissa Gibbs of Nicole Barens 552-8760.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Women's Night at the Elephant Walk. Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Men's Nude Drawing Group. For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No. Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273,, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Single Adoptive Moms: Support group for lesbian women considering or in the process of adopting. Eastbay location. Info: Jan (510) 474-9985.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

African American Lesbians Group: Network of supportive friends. Info: Pam 641-0461.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

"Framing Lesbian Fashion," part of the Lesbian Videos at 1800 Sq. Ft., June 24-26. See Calendar for details. Photo by Phyllis Christopher

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr. Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Chamber Musicians meet in SF apt Sun afternoons to play string, woodwind, piano combinations. Advanced ability & sightreading preferred. Info: David 931-5839.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

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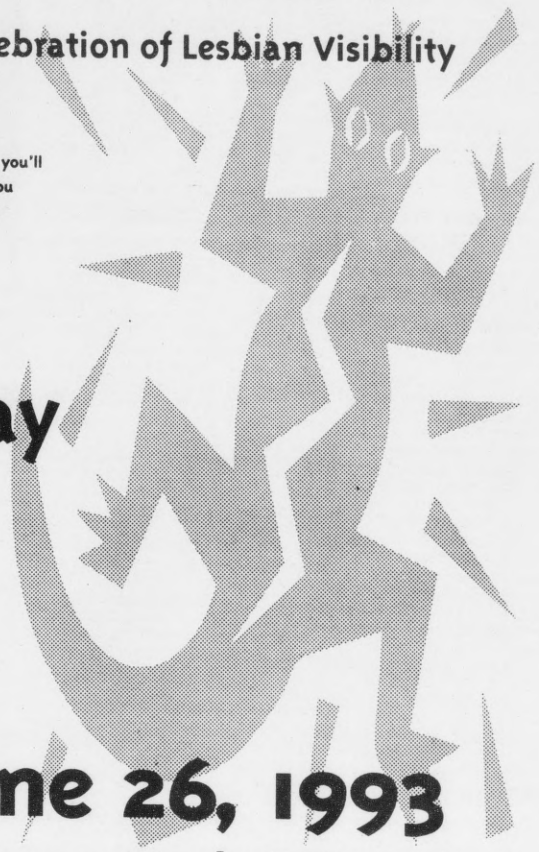

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Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically inspired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS. (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

Queer Playwrights Circle forming Tuesday evenings. Men & women with experience/backgrounds in theater or performance. Info: (415) 863-4910.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital of lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7:30 pm. For info/location call 267-6195.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm, SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

On June 25, Olivia Records' 20th Anniversary Concert will take place at Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley. Come see Teresa Trull and all your other favorite lesbian performing artists! Cal has info.

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Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA). See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.

Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets. Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Liz & Sharon 242-0319.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month, 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

Spiritual Company: Spiritual growth circle meets Fri eves, 6-8 pm in SF's Castro district. Group uses meditation exercises & sharing to expand consciousness. Non-sectarian, new members welcome! Info: Mark 864-4209.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & les-

The Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco

Reverend Jim Mitulski, Pastor
Reverend Sharna Sutherin, Associate Pastor
Mr. Ed Wolf, HIV Program Director

Freedom Day at MCC!

Before the Parade...
10:00 am Holy Communion,
Sermon by Rev, Sutherin and
Children's Church; all children welcome
(no 9:00 am, 11:00 am Service today)

After the Parade...
7:00 pm rally celebrating Lesbian & Gay spirituality with mass choir of area MCC's sermon on: "The Queerness of Christ" by Rev. Mitulski

For information about choir, HIV programs, women's programs, men's programs, and other activities please telephone the church and request the newsletter.

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How can I be both?
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bians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

CWA perform at Faster Pussycat on June 23 and the Elbo Room on June 26. For details, check Calendar.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society). Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd fl. SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 661-6379.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Gay Men's Support Group: Self-led group meets Tues eves in SF to deal with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment are welcome to join! Info: Greg or Rocky 626-1197; Rodney 861-7911.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange" under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

Dignity/SF sponsored drop-in group for gay, lesbian & bi young Catholics. Discussion of faith, sexuality & identity. Tues 7-9 pm at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-9244.

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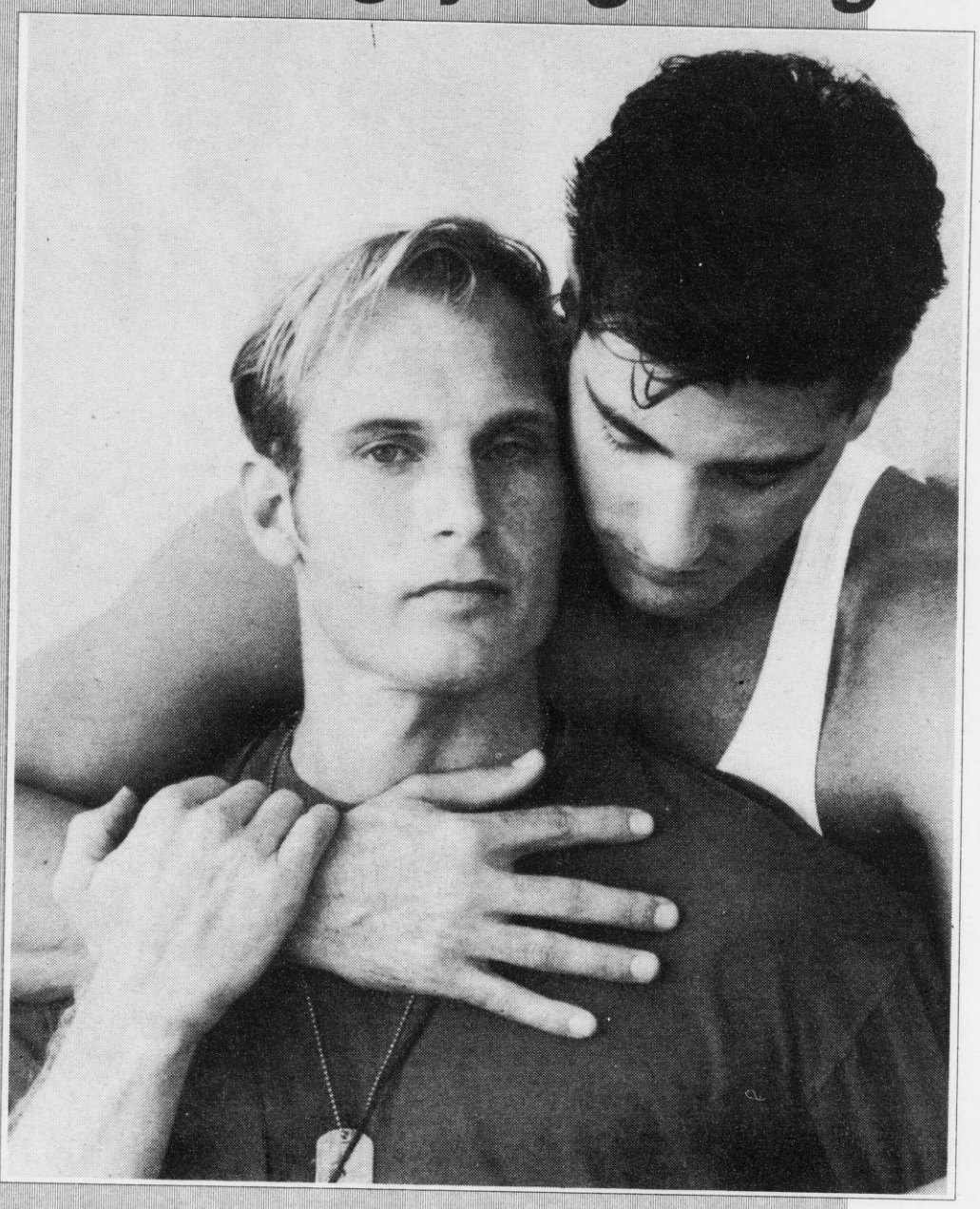

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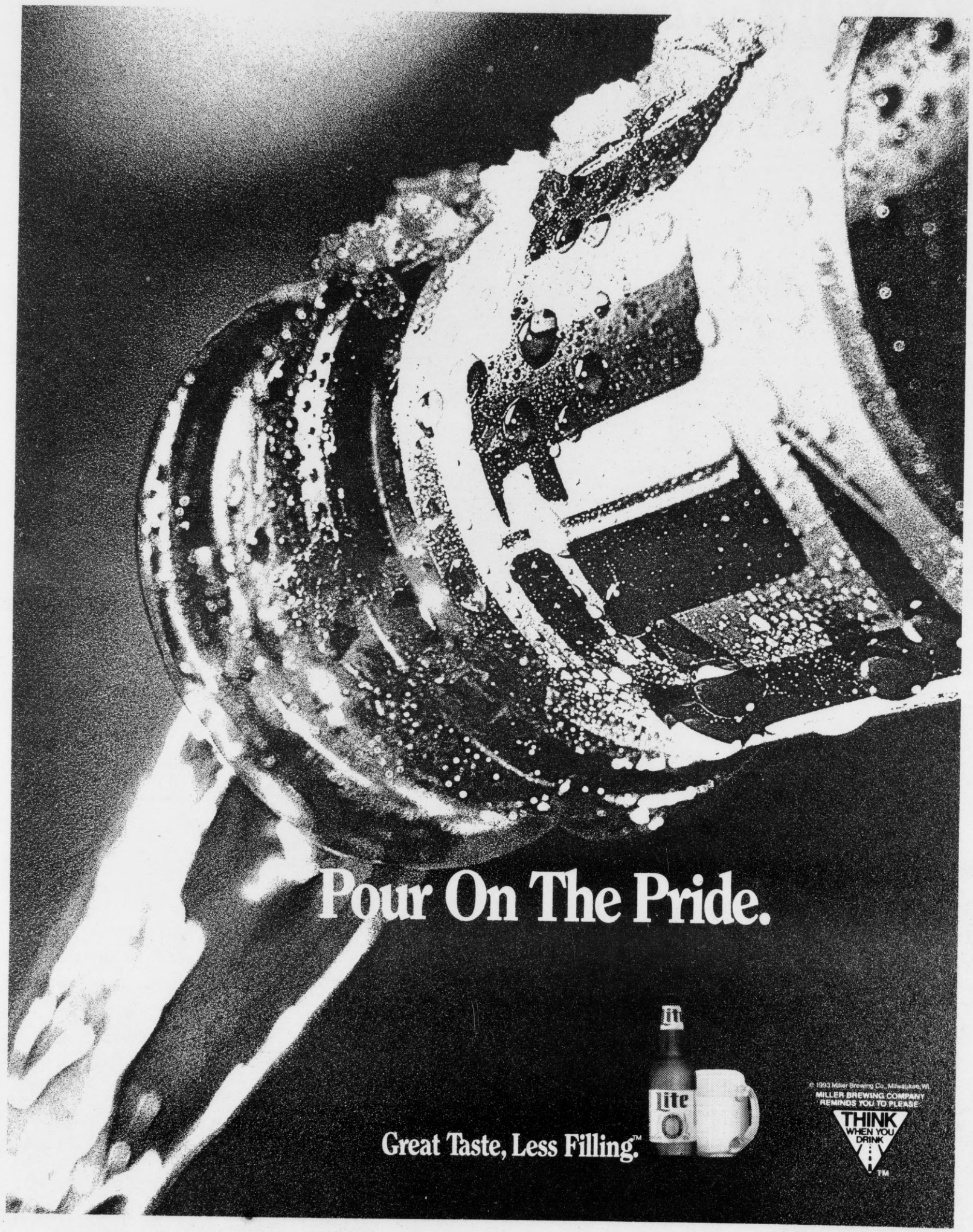
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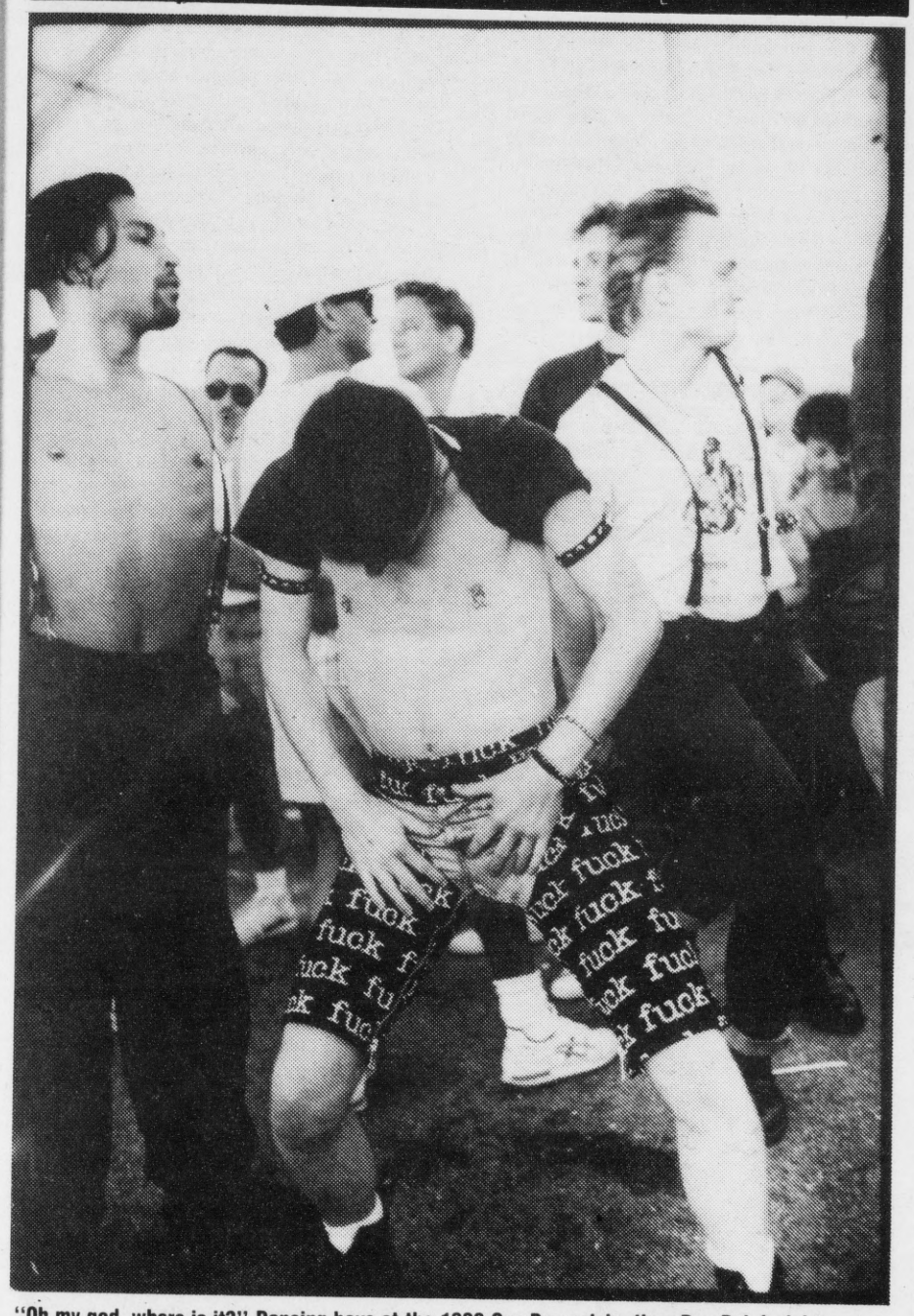

"Oh my god, where is it?" Dancing boys at the 1990 Gay Day celebration: Don Baird, right. Photo by Marc Geller

The Pride Primer

Once again, it's that Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade time and hundreds of thousands of gay brothers and sisters will converge upon San Francisco for a weekend of nonstop partying and uber-poignant camaraderie, all tied together with a rainbow ribbon of pride, strength, diversity and, of course, love. Understandably, due to the raging conflict over the parade theme, Year of the Queer, which the *Chronicle* just revealed as an issue that's ripping the gay community apart, many gays who are offended by the word "queer" will be boycotting the event completely. I imagine them to be like four different little parties of bitter brunch queens who've always had an annual pre-parade brunch, only this year it's just brunch. They're not going to the parade because they think the word "queer" is bad. It reminds them of when people called them that and it was embarrassing and made them cry. Well, this year, by God, they were gonna do something else, something nice.

Forget that old parade. One group decided to shop Union Street instead, while a couple of groups merged (they knew each other, what a coincidence!) to watch videos, something nice like *Beaches*, something bitchy like *The Women*, and maybe a copy of the Rob Lowe video. Some shared their memories with photos of their one-time obligatory cross-dressing at the parade while the one member of the group who did it for every parade day sits on the floor at a coffee table styling a wig, smoking a menthol, and fighting back tears over the damn word "queer." The rest will watch sports on television or spend lots of money at Macy's.

The people who aren't offended by the word "queer," the ones who even like the word, will go to the parade like any other fag, dyke or transgender individual. As far as the word "queer" and the issue, they're over it. I know I am. Besides, for the Chinese it's the year of the cock, and I feel much more strongly about that.

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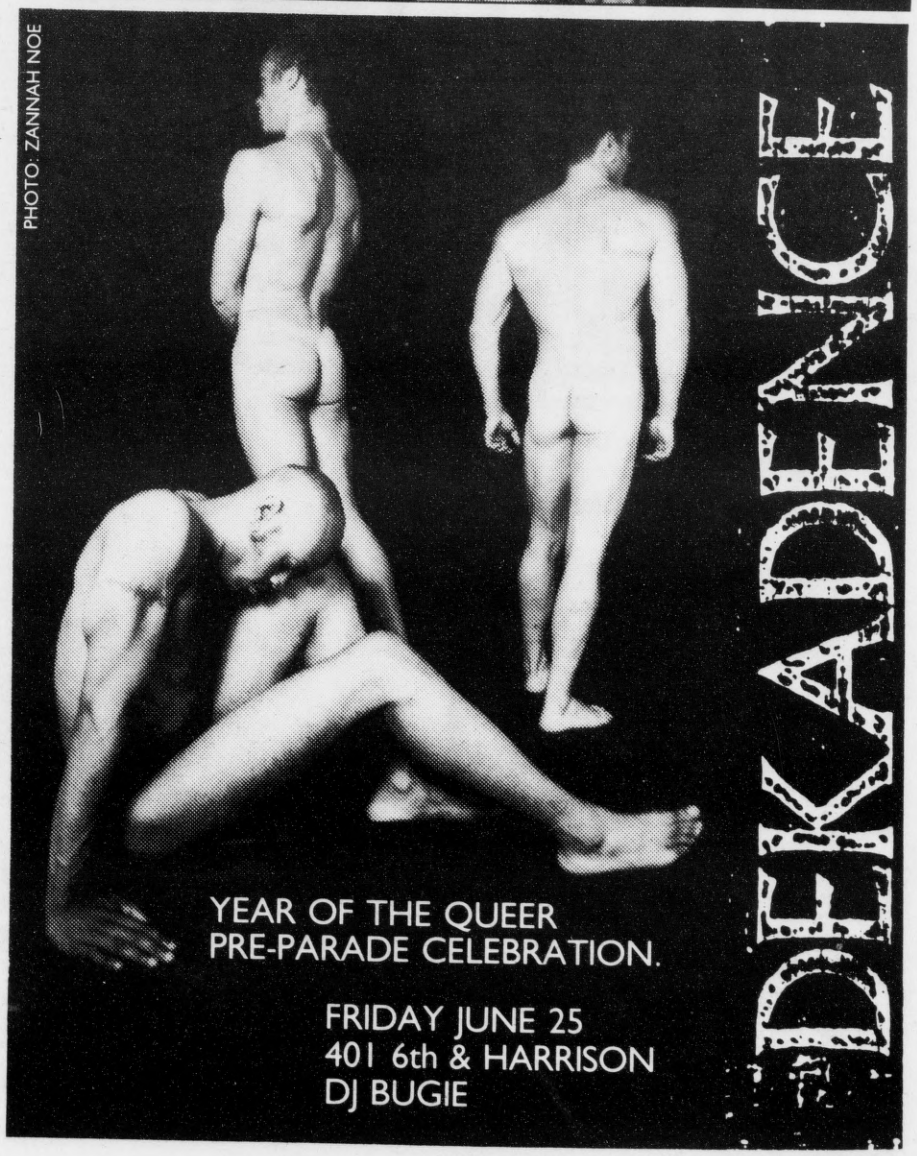

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June 25-27 the City is going to be inundated by fresh batches of tourists, tens of thousands strong. Poke 'em, they're fresh. And the bustling, changing nightclub scene will be augmented by additional outdoor street events nightly so it's gonna be hard to ignore the party force. So don't. Just be prepared for it and have a bit of a game plan. Score your drugs now so you won't be sorry and you won't have to pester others to find some for you. Below I have listed some of the weekend's more promising events to consider.

FRIDAY JUNE 25

This Is Not a Rave: This event could be a pretty nice way to kick off the strenuous weekend. This Is Not a Rave was the inspiration of Ggreg Taylor and this one marks the third time out drag queens and cute boys and dykes travel to Ocean Beach at Fulton Street for a wholesome bonfire, fueled by wooden pallets collected all over South of Market by pioneer women, then brought to the beach by wagon train, or something like that. Bring something to sit on and a heavy coat just in case it gets cold. These parties have been declared base-beat-free zone, which means no blasters or beat boxes allowed—this is a nature thing, just bring liquor. Party starts at 9 pm, lasts til midnight or so.

Cocktails: Not so much an event, but rather a way of life for many. Cocktails is a gay bar with a disco basement that stays open round-the-clock for those who are acquainted with the night. The staff is friendly except the door people at times, and the basement is dark and loud and a touch sleazy. Everyone ought to know where the round the clock bar is in town; you'll find things there that you might not see anywhere else.

SATURDAY JUNE 26

Street Party in the Castro: If one is given the chance to party in the street, legally—you know, drinking beer, dancing to a DJ spinning through a huge sound system—then one should. The very generous Ggreg Taylor will rent equipment as a gift to the community, like he did on election night. I believe things will begin at 9 pm or so, and the night will be dotted with a speaker or two and perhaps spontaneous nudity, blatant sexual posturing and the recruitment of impressionable youth—after all, we can't reproduce, therefore we must recruit. Smile big for the video cameras.

Product Goes Mega-Product: Product has been providing some super-special and imaginative themes and moments over the last four weeks in the often tedious world of high-decibel monotony for muscle boys to preen and strut to in their underwear. For instance, one week the theme for the VIP lounge was Promstitute, hosted by Diet Popstitute. It was great. I'd take one slow dance with a handsome boy in a tuxedo over a half dozen guys who shave their body hair bumping and grinding their business all over me. It was romantic. Another night the VIP room had an imposed dress code, not allowing things like Freedom Rings, tank tops, stupid shorts or bare chests. Someone had a little fit when he was told he'd have to remove his Freedom Rings or get out. Girlfriend was pissed, she was making a statement... in the only way she knew how.

More recently Product provided a Winnebago parked beside the club to serve as the VIP lounge and the theme for the night was white trash. I felt right at home, staying there most of the night watching the hostesses Crystal and Ivana with their huge white wigs on, sexually terrorize a beautiful young man. I overheard someone say, while watching the wig-bobbing dual hostess action in the front of the vehicle, "Look, it's cotton candy mating!" I left when they ran out of booze, spam and Cheez Whiz.

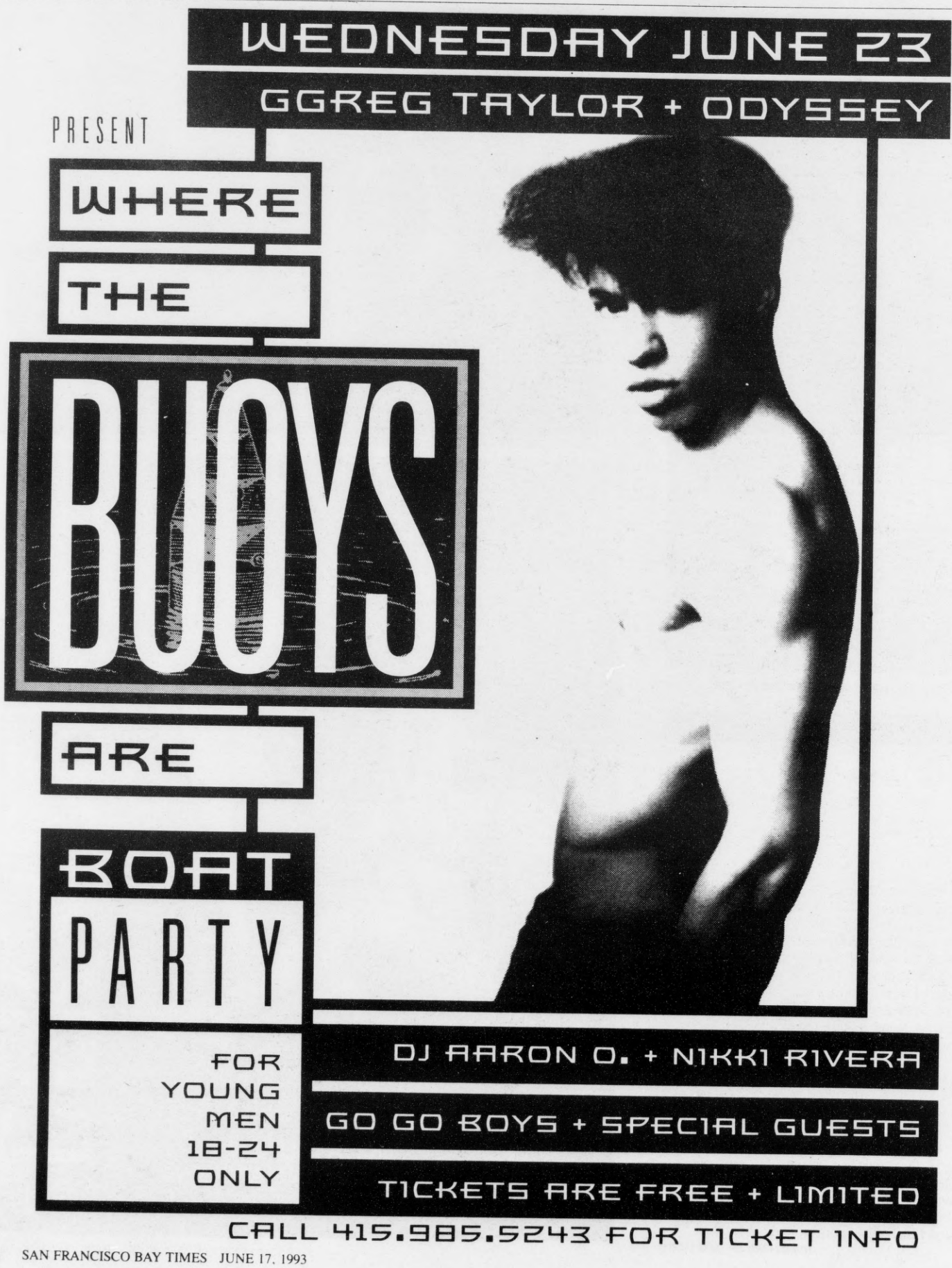
Well, on the night before the parade, check out Mega-Product for a special circus theme night featuring full huge murals by Tyler Popstitute of his highly acclaimed tribute to Tom of Finland, called Tom of Clownland. The Gold Room will feature some murals by one of our favorite girls, Miss Kitty. Her artwork depicts transvestites ballroom dancing, as I understand it. At 2 am the Del Rubio Triplets will play the main room. Now you gotta love that. Product rates a must-attend, but bear in mind that it stays open till 6 am. There are a few other must-attends that you'll want to hit earlier.

Fiend: The flyer for this new club pretty much says it all: "Twisted Abrasive Sick Shit for Fags and Dykes." I say thank fucking God for this little oasis of... well... stuff that most fags and dykes are scared of, and we're mostly talking from the musical end. Imagine fags and dykes scared of music. It's not hard. "This music's scary... what is it? It has guitars... is this grunge? If it is I hate it." Well, watch out, because Michael Blue is spinning and he's not afraid to play "Smells Like Shit" by Alien Sex Fiend. How's that for obscure?

Fiend takes place every Saturday night at the Top, one of those Lower Haight bars (formerly 13 Percent) near Nickie's between Fillmore and Webster. Not to make you nervous or frightened, but Fiend's location is slightly on the edge of a dangerous stretch of Haight Street. This simply means keep your eyes open and preferably walk in numbers, that's all. What's wrong with a little danger? It does separate the fiercest drag queens from the richest sweater queens. Two of my very favorite dancing queens, Sabrina and Fatima, were the most natural and perfect choices to feature as dancers, along with man-meat Matt Flynn and another charmer I had the distinct pleasure of watching as he slipped into his gear in coat check. Michael Blue has never been one to skimp on the lust element in his club ventures.

Fiend felt very much like the heyday of some of Michael's former clubs from a few years back, like Chaos and Screw. It reminded me of a time when people took chances because they had nothing to lose. Lord knows, playing rock 'n' roll in a gay club in this town is really taking a big chance. Fiend isn't strictly rock, as Michael exemplified brilliantly by playing two of my all-time favorite dance funk faves, "Flashlight" and Prince's "Gett Off." It was a killer night, leaving everyone jubilant and thankful—thankful that someone reclaimed the renegade spirit at its grittiest, the very essence that built the nightclub nation where the queer alternative SF scene flourished. Fiend is also a great name for a place. I wouldn't miss this place on the night before the parade for nothing.

The Exorcist: A Dance Macabre: Attention all out-of-towners: it just happens that Gay Day falls right smack in the middle of a five-week run of *The Exorcist*, the film portrayed live on stage and spiced up with modern interpretive dance interludes, as presented by SF's very own Sick and Twisted Players. The group has been presenting live movies onstage for many years now, tackling such titles as *The Poseidon Adventure*, *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Shining: the Musical* and *A Partridge Family Friday the 13th*. This show



promises to be their most technically advanced to date, presented in amazing Retch-o-Rama and replete with supernatural occurences. Michael G. Page tackles the role played by Ellen Burstyn in the film with magnificent, unstoppable passion and sensitivity. It's a great role for a great woman performed in a way that says, "See you at the Oscars." Don't miss one of SF's best-kept theatrical secrets. At 21 Bernice St. On Fridays and Saturdays, 9 pm, admission $10.

Lesbian Avengers March/Demo: This newly formed group is planning a Saturday night demonstration: for details, look for a flyer on a pole in the Castro or check the board at A Different Light Bookstore. Reportedly its members adorn themselves with masks, capes and trashcan lids as shields and noisemakers. Go Grrrls.

Pansy Division, Glue and C.W.A. (Cunts With Attitude) at the Elbo Room: This significant gathering of queer bands from various geographical locations stands out as the only specifically queer rock show going on in conjunction with Gay Pride Day. Engineered by Pansy Division leader John Ginoli, the innocent-looking smutmeister who pens hilarious songs about things like curved dicks, this event welcomes from Olympia Cunts With Attitude, who probably are angry and filthy-talking, and Glue from L.A., a rocking unit fronted by some fabulous drag queen. I'm glad someone thought about a bill like this. At 647 Valencia St. 9 pm, $5. Be there, you queers.

*941**:* No announced location, special invite only, starting time probably between midnight and 2 am. This party is being set up so that regulars at Product won't have to rub shoulders with all the tourists in town, unless they want to. Isn't that elitist? Aren't we great.

The Parade: Just about everybody's favorite float in the parade, especially video-cam-toting fundamentalists, will snake its way through the route again. The float is called Dirtball; the social lint brush rolls again, picking up the most valuable, psychotic, expressive, artistic and just plain cute people in this city. Jump on if you can find room.

The Conference Room: This place is a tacky old smelly bar in the ferry building that Ggreg Taylor rented to transform into the VIP lounge at the Parade. It will be in working VIP order from 11 am till 7 pm.

Entertainment on the Main Stage: This year the live entertainment was planned by Gilbert Baker and that darn Nancy Kravitz, who seemingly has her hands in a lot of stagework this year. Not only is she the one who booked the stage for Gay Day, she will also be stage-managing the Folsom Street Fair and, of course, the Castro Street Fair is Nancy's and my little baby. And baby turns 20 this year so we're gonna put on quite a show to remember. The Gay Day lineup of entertainment includes: Angel Corpus Christie, John Kelley as Joni Mitchell, Enrique, Justin Bond and Connie Champagne, Gravity, Patsy Cline and Elvis Herselvis and more—specifically, at 4:15 pm the Olivia Records tribute takes place on the stage for an hour.

Blow Buddies: I've always firmly believed that nobody really gets laid on Gay Day because they have so many to choose from it's dizzying and everyone just gets confused. If you don't want this to happen, ask your nearest neighbor three little words that will almost insure you against the tragedy of Gay Day blueballs: "Where's Blow Buddies?" One more thing: try to have a little more sex in the out-of-doors. ✿

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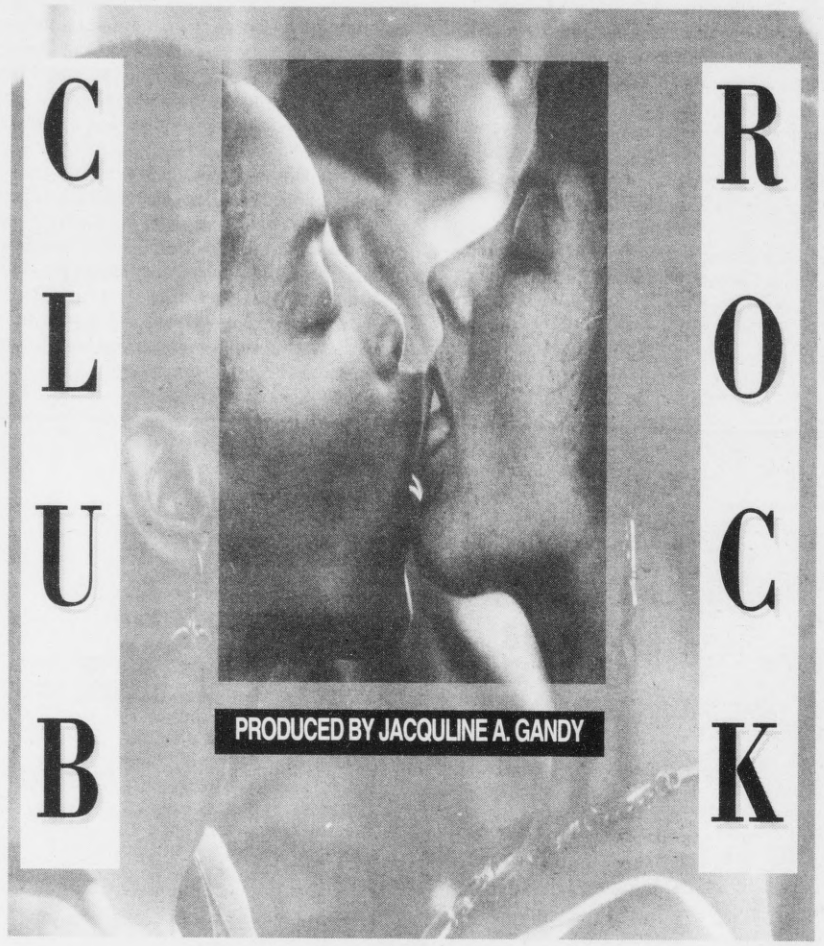

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Multimedia Festivities

There's nothing like seeing someone get shot in the eye to start off your day. How's that? Well, for the last week or so, I've been starting my day off watching previews of a handful of films showing at the film festival.

So far, I've seen a woman slash her wrists, a man get shot through the eye with an arrow, another one get impaled on a tree branch, and several women getting beaten by their partners, both male and female. Creepy.

Now, for cartoon violence, I'd recommend *The East Is Red*. As far as I'm concerned, it didn't quite live up to its billing of having "the world's first lesbian transsexual superhero" in Asia the Invincible, but it was a lot of fun, if a bit bloody. What this character does with sewing needles is quite awesome.

The gender situation is pretty cloudy. Apparently, Asia the Invincible, born male, has had something altered in order to gain amazing kung fu powers. One character says Asia's been castrated, and everyone refers to Asia as "he." Yet, Asia, the object of both male and female adoration, is played by a woman. Hence, while it's never quite clear what Asia considers his/her gender to be, we do get some nifty girl/girl action, since Asia's beloved is a woman. Got that?

I actually found some politically redeeming stuff in here. Check out the portrayal of the invading Spaniards and the Catholic Church. Or Asia's reaction to serving time in a brothel. But, the slam-bang action is in itself a kick. (No pun intended).

I'm still waiting for a happy lesbian ending, though, as all the films I've seen are, at best, ambivalent. It's not even clear that the amazing Asia the Invincible gets the girl. Sigh.

Stuff to look forward to: the short programs *Girl Squad* and *Sistah Action!* (I can't wait to see the finished "Potluck and the Passion") and *An Evening with Pratibha Parmar*.

THE COMEBACK KIDS

On the pop front, Cyndi Lauper hit SF on June 5 with a cosexual, multiracial nine-piece band to premiere her first record in four years. I never got to see Cyndi play when she was really big 10 years ago, but I was a big fan. She's making a comeback now with a part in *Life with Mikey* and a record, *Hat Full of Stars*, on Epic. Despite shouts to play "She Bop" and other old hits, she doggedly stuck to playing all 12 songs from the record. Watching her dispel memories of her past proved to be a distraction from the music at hand, which was a mixed bag. She seemed to be trying too hard to prove she's eclectic and up-to-date, mixing hiphop beats with ballads and a reggae version of "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun," one of three oldies saved for the encore.

Hat Full of Stars is growing on me. As in the live show, it seems Lauper is trying to take control of her career and looking back with regret at some of the ways she allowed herself to be manipulated. Several songs are about growing up and taking charge. There's also a strong political thread, with serious issues addressed in "Broken Glass" (domestic violence), "A Part Hate" (racism) and my favorite, "Sally's Pigeons" (abortion) which was co-written by Lauper and Mary-Chapin Carpenter(!). Cyndi is in fine voice throughout, but everything is writ large, in capital letters almost. There's very little subtlety to the

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lyrics or the music.

JANIS IAN

Speaking of comebacks, Janis Ian put on a fucking hot show on June 6 at the Great American Music Hall. I only got to hear her new release *Breaking Silence* (Morgan Creek) once beforehand, and I wasn't too excited about it, but the show totally turned me around on that one. Maybe the advance copy I had was just shitty, but her voice sounded really weak and breathy on it. I was having trouble getting a bead on the songs.

By contrast, the live show found Ian in excellent voice, with zest and power to spare. From the first song, the defiant "This Train Still Runs," the new songs came alive: the satirical "Guess You Had to Be There," the wildly erotic "Ride Me Like a Wave" and the chilling "Tattoo," for starters. I only hope the finished record can compare.

Not too far into the set, she threw in her big hits of yesteryear, "At Seventeen" and "Society's Child," prompting big cheers from a devoted following. My favorite part, though, was Ian's acknowledgment of her girlfriend. Referring to "Ride Me Like a Wave," she said she'd played it for her lover and then went on, quite casually, to explain HER reaction. Yeah! Right on. I heard at least one audible gasp in the crowd.

For one of her encores, she played a hilarious song with a nod to *Cosmopolitan* mag and its advice to women on spicing up their sex lives. Faced with a demanding but distant lover, our girl takes matters into her own hands and... Well, a gift certificate to Good Vibrations wouldn't be out of place.

Olivia celebrates its 20th anniversary June 25th with a show at Zellerbach Auditorium featuring Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Dianne Davidson, Deidre McCalla, Linda Tillery, Teresa Trull, Suzanne Westenhoefer and Karen Williams.

Lucie Blue Tremblay is also on the bill. Her latest record on the label, *Transformations*, is a mix of French and English songs, many on the theme of transforming one's life and accepting getting older. She even thanks her therapist! A nifty lesbian touch. Vicki Randle, Nina Gerber and Bonnie Hayes guest on the record, which was mostly produced by Teresa Trull. It's a bit on the schmaltzy ballad side for me, but I quite liked "With You or Without You."

GIRL GERMS

Despite getting my foot trod on by some dyke wearing what felt like 20-pound boots, I quite enjoyed 7 Year Bitch's show. Singer Selene Vigil is a vivid combination of slinky and scary. Dykes ruled upfront, unlike shows in Seattle, where the attitude of boy rockers is "I'll swing my dick around and hit you in the face with it," according to Bratmobile's Allison Wolfe.

A more girl-friendly attitude should be on display when Bratmobile comes to town to play shows at Faster Pussycat June 30 and the Chameleon June 25. Despite living in three different states, Allison and bandmates Erin Smith and Molly Neuman manage to see each other a couple of times a year to write and record, racking up 13 releases so far. Their latest, a full-length effort called *Pottymouth*, is out now on Kill Rock Stars.

In between visits, Erin (an acknowledged expert on all things Brady) works on her TV zine, *Teenage Gang Debs*, while Allison and Molly (said to have the best lips in punk rock) do the fanzine *Girl Germs*, which, says Allison, is "kind of our catchphrase for everything." Catch them now.

Dyke trio CWA hits Faster Pussycat June 23. "Only Straight Girls Wear Dresses" is a favorite song of mine, and these in-your-face gals are the terrors of straight boys in Olympia, Wash. They're also on a queer bill at the Elbo Room (formerly Amelia's) on June 26.

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Coconut

Who can explain why the Jello doesn't jell? Wherein lies the fault when a producer brings together seemingly proven creative talents to build a musical comedy and the result turns out to be not very musical and not very funny? When, prior to opening night, is the moment to pull back and take another look? Call in the play doctor? Fire the star? Add a new song? Toss in some jokes? If the answers to those questions could be set in stone, producers of Broadway-bound shows could declare a moratorium on those multimillion-dollar turkeys that post closing notes with the first reviews.

Such costly misfortunes are not the exclusive province of Broadway and, sad to report, the eagerly awaited Theatre Rhinoceros production of *Coconut* is just such a case.

Writer/director Adele Prandini assembled a well-respected creative task force: composer and lyricist Bob Davis and Jeanine Strobel (with co-lyricist Prandini); choreography by Anne Bluethenthal; set designs by Pam Peniston; costumes by Callie Floor; lighting by Stephanie Johnson; and sound by Bob Davis.

There are several culprits afoot in *Coconut*. Intent upon getting its "save the environment" message across, the book simply forgot to entertain us. The composers produced some lackluster, unhummable tunes. The lyrics seldom rose above the pedestrian and in "Travelogue Love" sank quickly. Considering that non-singers were called upon to sing and non-dancers to dance, we were left to admire a lavish tropical set featuring a thatched roof resort tucked under a smoldering volcano. Would that a couple of palm trees had been sacrificed to the salaries of a live pianist, drummer and bass player.

Coconut's overly extended concept has to do with the resident shaman of a tropical paradise, Solis (Monica McMurtry), who is locked in philosophical and practical combat with local land developer and descendant of missionaries, Rummykabub (Drew Todd). The plot is derailed by several subplots that involve Solis' ward, Pendivella (Judy Fei Fei Weng), a butch island cop reigniting an old affair with Maddy (Saun-Toy Latifa Trotter), the assistant to thermal energy expert Dorthea (Holly Bradford). A second floundering romance is introduced by gay, second honeymooners Pablo and Henri (Anthony Yepis and Daniel Taurines)—stereotypical as they were, they brightened the proceedings considerably.

Add to this holiday fruitcake recipe the inexplicable arrival of Mackao (B. Chico Purdiman), a volcano expert hired by Rummykabub. To balance the pair of lesbian and gay lovers, Mackao is the long lost lover of Solis! Wait, that's not all. There are two animal spirit assistants to Solis, dancers Kristin Montgomery as Gekko and Jonny McPhee as Bird, who interweave among the humans in charming counterpoint until, with predictable repetition, they lose their charm. In one delightful bit we discover Gekko and Bird clinging to the top of a thatched roof, engrossed in an argument between Solis and Pendivella. Chastising her foster mother for "reading the bones," Pendivella advises her to adapt to the

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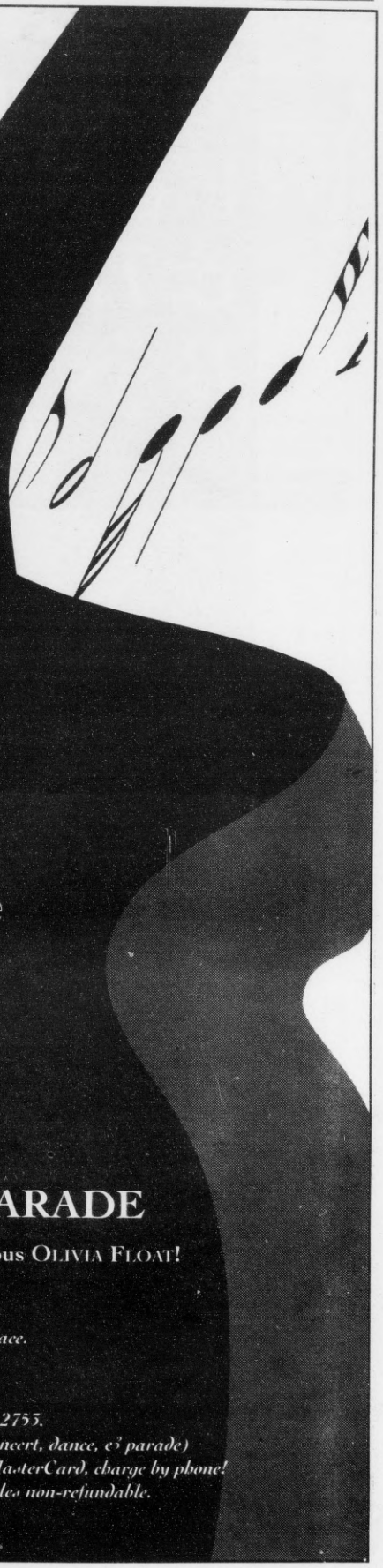

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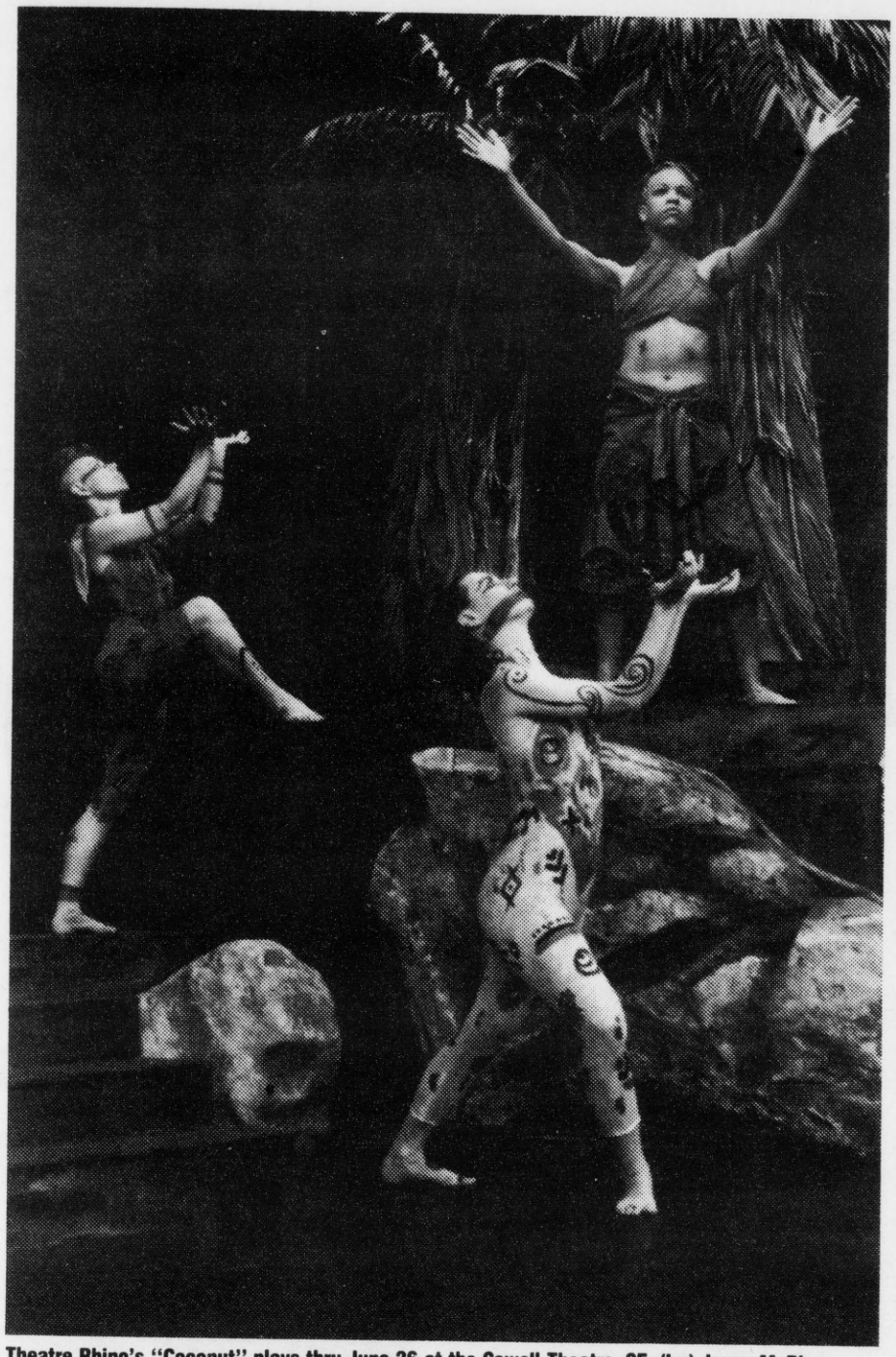

Theatre Rhino's "Coconut" plays thru June 26 at the Cowell Theatre, SF. (L-r) Jonny McPhee, Kristin Montgomery, Monica McMutry. Photo by Steve Savage

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modern world. "There is no Santa Claus," she says, causing Gekko and Bird to react in shocked disbelief.

As for most of *Coconut's* faint-hearted humor, it seems designed to appeal to an identity-starved gay and lesbian audience. If it's a stereotypical faggot situation or anti-male joke, the women in the audience laugh. If it's a quickie glimpse of two women humping (fully clothed) on the floor, the men snicker uncomfortably.

McMurtry, a fine presence and obviously the only singer in the show, chants the overlong opening number, "Reading the Bones," and manages to instill her character with a sense of reality while others in the cast rely too heavily on vaudeville schtick. I found Weng delightful as a refreshingly original character; her Pendivella, a former member of the SFPD, had once arrested Maddy during a gay riot. Now reuinted with Maddy, she is warned that "if you ever arrest me again, we're finished."

Drew Todd, in ascot scarf and blue blazer—not exactly tropical resort wear—is less a villain than a high-kicking chorus boy. The routines awarded him might better be served by a long-legged showgirl.

Dance numbers such as the "Tangle Tango" could have been truly funny with real dancers, but given the awkward footwork of Pendivella and Maddy, Pablo and Henri, *and* those ubiquitous animal spirits, we were simply relieved they didn't bump into each other.

Broadway shows that open out of town are blessed with the chance to discover what works and what doesn't. Had Theatre Rhinoceros enjoyed this luxury, some judicious editing might have made for a stronger show.

In 1929 the Marx Brothers starred in a film called *Cocoanuts*. Where are they when we need them?

Coconut continues at the Cowell Theater through June 26. Call 861-5079.

Queen of Angels

Probably the hottest, steamiest, nudest sex scenes you may ever see on stage are presently fogging up the atmosphere of Theatre Rhino's mainstage. But that is the least of reasons to catch this Ponderhill Productions presentation of James Carroll Pickett's *Queen of Angels*.

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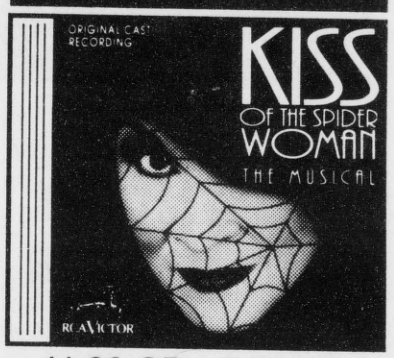

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and, yes, *moving* productions of recent years.

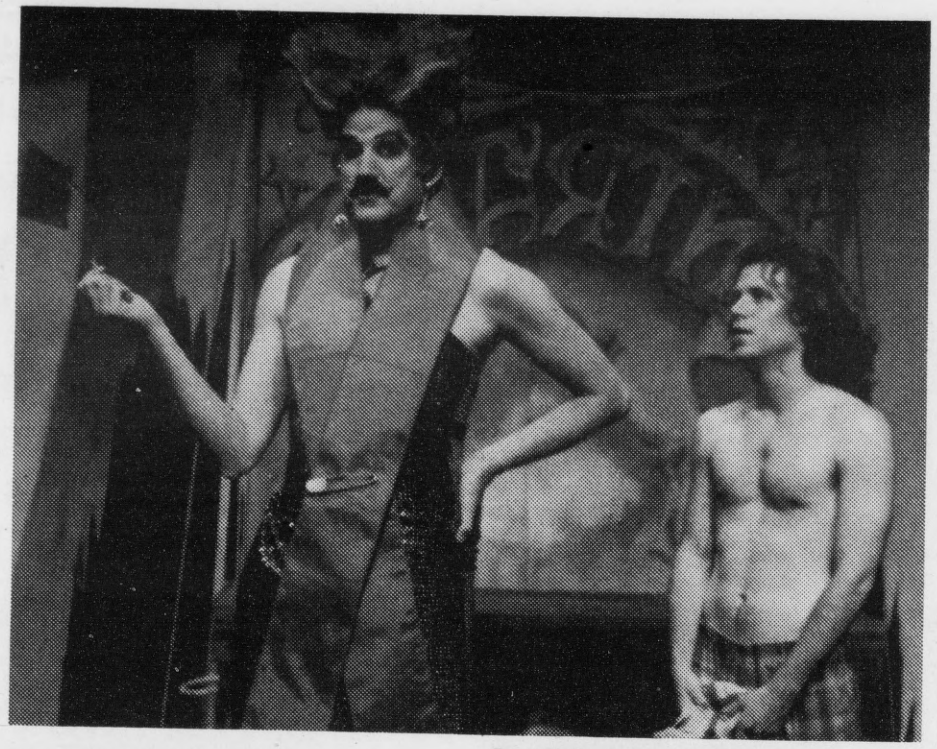
Wildly impressionistic, *Queen of Angels* is set inside a carnival tent that is inside the head of AIDS-hospitalized poet Max (Timothy Flanagan). As he recounts the visits of cheery but unwanted do-gooders to his sickroom, Max wanders off into a dementia that introduces the carnival's Dickensian impresario (Mario Mondelli), a recurring Punch and Judy show extravagantly performed by David Bicha and Mart McChesney, and a chorus of dancing and singing clowns.

In an AIDS-era retelling of the Orpheus legend, Max's feverish mental state sends him into the underworld in search of his deceased lover Tobias (Steve Cosson). There he is confronted by the Queen of Angels, none other than Brent Holland in a knock-dead, tour de force performance of the ultimate bitch drag queen. Tobias, Max discovers, is this underground queen's favorite boy toy. But, as in the myth, the power of love conquers all and the queen agrees to release Tobias. But as a final test, she sends her faithful dog, El Coyote (Ron Johnson Jr.) along the return path to seduce Max. Will Max succumb to El Coyote? Will he lose Tobias forever to the underworld?

The dialogue is devastatingly wicked. Tony Coray's choreography is blessedly male-oriented and the set and costumes (a colorful array of boxer shorts) are by John B. Wilson. Derek Lassiter, Todd Baker (the good gay Republican) and Jason Emanuel Britton were just fine in chorus and minor roles.

Author and lyricist Pickett is also the co-founder and executive director of Artists Confronting AIDS. His *Dream Man* was recently performed here by Michael Kearns. Actor Flanagan (last seen in the Rhino production of *Bent*) was a moving and memorable Max. Brent Holland received and deserved spontaneous outbreaks of applause, and Mondelli was brilliant in his juicy role as carnival barker and interlocutor.

Highly recommended, *Queen of Angels* continues at Theatre Rhinoceros through July 3. Call (415) 861-5079.



Brent Holland (l) and Steve Cosson in James Carroll Pickett's "The Queen of Angels." Photo by Steve Savage

Frankie and Johnny at the Claire de Lune

Of the three *Frankie and Johnnys* I've seen recently, the Citadel Theatre Company's production in the intimate Bannam Place space is undoubtedly the one that strikes a raw nerve.

Wearing their emotions like proud battle scars, Carolyn Bates as Frankie and Tony Ganim as Johnny make love, tear at each other, make up, lash out again, and achieve a tentative standoff in Terrence McNally's drama. The situations and language are so sexually explicit that I wondered if the other versions I've seen weren't considerably expurgated.

Short order cook Johnny and waitress Frankie work at the same midtown beanery in New York City, and on their first date end up in a frenzied coupling on Frankie's sofa bed. Middle aged, knocked about, they've both seen the underside of life, but Johnny, spouting Shakespeare in his relentless romantic pursuit of Frankie, is determined that they're fated soulmates. Pragmatic Frankie has already seen both sides of *that* coin, and getting emotionally involved with an overly exuberant suitor is not on her top ten priority list. Johnny has all the answers. Frankie doesn't want to hear them. The battle is joined and the skirmishes range from bed to kitchenette to windowsill where the view into adjoining apartments only reinforces Frankie's disillusionment with relationships.

Bates brought a remarkable sensitivity to her plain Frankie, a woman too wary of past failures to give commitment another try—but just needful enough not to reject Johnny outright. Ganim, flushed with boyish awkwardness one moment and flaunting his macho sexuality the next, delivers a fine performance of a man desperate for storybook stability and love.

Bill English's taut direction and a set design attributed to the cast and crew added considerably to the claustrophobic intensity of the production.

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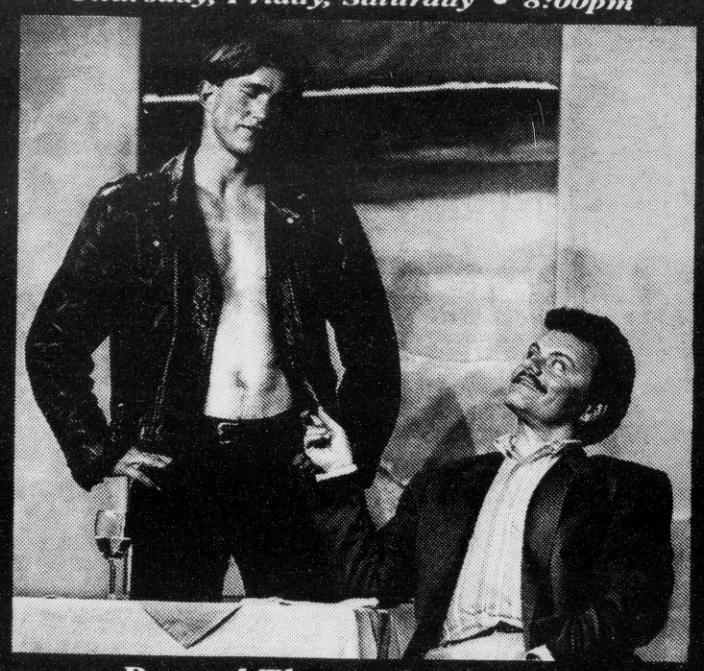

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More read than produced in recent years, the play was revived last November by American Theatre Ventures at CSU Hayward, under the direction of Edgardo de la Cruz. The company's co-artistic director David Arrow starred as the mad emperor and Nancy Carlin as his confidant/mistress Caesonia. Others in the cast were CSU student actors.

On the strength of several fine reviews, the production was revived for three weekends at Theatre Artaud. The chorus of patricians and sycophants were choregraphed by Jose Oliva. Imaginatively framed by Ed Wright's timeless, stylized setting of mylar-stripped walls, with costumes by Jess Amoroso a mix of formal wear and primitive masks, and accented with an impressively ominous electronic score by Kevin Gold, the drama again drew an enthusiastic audience.

Using Caligula as his spokesperson, Camus questions the meaning—or meaninglessness—of life and the pursuit of evil as a form of personal liberation. Once loved by his subjects, Caligula has sunk into a deep depression upon the death of his favorite sister and mistress Drusilla and sets about methodically destroying the social structure that sustains his empire. He forces his Roman court to name him beneficiary in their wills and then kills off members at random as he needs funds. He rapes his senators' wives in their husbands' presence and forces them to serve in state brothels. He creates an artificial famine by closing the public granaries and devises exquisite tortures and poisons for his enemies.

Onstage for over two hours, David Arrow delivered a stunning physical and vocal portrayal of Caligula, shifting subtly from charismatic head of state to exotic dancer to one-man terrorist. As his sounding board and unheeded advisor, Carlin was a sympathetic representative of a powerless lover.

Robin Kim Marselle was a too-tentative Helicon. John Girot lacked the mature seasoning for a truly effective Cherea, and Mark Farrell as the young favorite Scipio was particularly moving in his final scenes.

Perhaps more of an ''entertainment'' than Camus may have had in mind, this *Caligula* was nevertheless engrossing, thoughtful theater.

(l-r) Trish Adair, Jim Pawlak and Gary Hinton.

The Crackwalker

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

Always teetering just above poverty level, on the brink of homelessness and violence, four characters (two uneducated and two developmentally impaired) struggle to survive. It's not a pretty picture, but that's life—well, part of it. Anger, angst and anguish fill the dark world of Judith Thompson's *The Crackwalker*, produced by, and currently playing at, the Y Theatre.

This kind of theater resembles rubbernecking at a road accident. The focus is on life's ugliness, on the spectacle and debacle of other people's pain. Of course, such theater *can* be important when it educates, reveals some truths about human nature, or calls an audience to action. But *The Crackwalker* merely twitches in the gutter on which it focuses. It seems to state, ''Here is poverty, ain't it ugly?''

The use of language is appropriately and unpleasantly foul. Without benefit of rhythm, lyricism or metaphor, the dialogue spews out at the audience, repeatedly tossing out such bon mots as ''fucking queers,'' ''fags,'' ''arse-wipe'' etc., etc. O-o-okay, some people really talk this way. And in this economy, do people want to pay to hear it?

Actually, under the pretense of gritty reality, Thompson has scripted quite a piece of sensationalism replete with a wife-beating womanizer, a tough yet pathetically codependent wife, and a ''slow'' man and woman, both with hearts of gold. The scene where they try to cure their autistic (of course) baby's cold by placing it on the door of an oven set at 500 is frightening (almost to the point of farce).

An uncompromisingly ugly succession of sordid scenes comprise this slice-of-life drama. And yet there's not much in the way of plot. The ''slow'' woman moves in with a bickering couple. But she quickly hitches up with a sweet, albeit also slow, man and has his baby. Thickening the plot are many, many moments of abuse and cruelty, physical and verbal. And to top it all off, each character has a monologue which serves to slow down an already over-weighted and overly long experience at two-and-a-quarter hours.

Due to *many* unwieldy location changes, several scenes seem shorter than the time it takes to set them up. Again and again hordes of stage hands scurry out to rearrange the furniture while the audience sits idly by in the dark, listening to a selection of thematically related rock tunes. This turns out to be almost a good thing since the sound design by Robin Gurney (also the director) is the show's highlight.

The actors all do their best. Trish Adair lets out all the stops as the developmentally impaired woman. Having followed his work over the years, I must say that Gary Hinton as the womanizer gives his best performance ever. Jim Pawlak and Stephanie Taylor also come through as talented actors.

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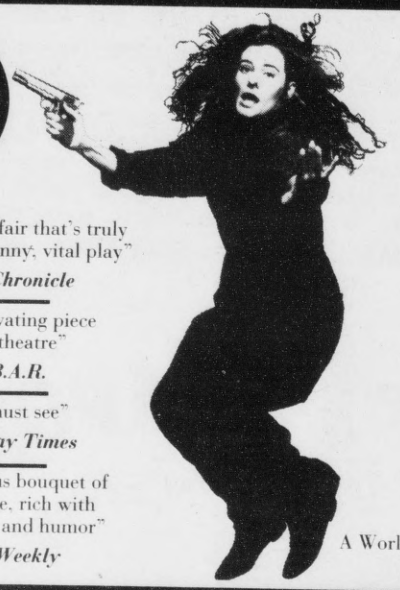

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A Lie of the Mind

Reviewed by Larry Myers

The Phoenix Theatre's production of *A Lie of the Mind* by Sam Shepard testifies to Jean Shelton's acting coach talents. She imbues the many short complicated scenes with simple truths. Her precise method helps to ground the playwright's feverish, oftentimes confusing style. This is a play in which it seems that too much is happening, simultaneously, yet absolutely nothing is happening at all! Shepard's dramatic world is oftentimes a dream-like space beyond comprehension. *Lie* certainly has its share of psychic dislocations, yet it offers Shepard's best down-home dialogue. Additionally the natural talents of this acting ensemble helps to focus *Lie*—for the most part. The director has cut a good hour and a half from the running time of the New York original. (In the Manhattan production, stars Plummer and Aidan Quinn not only gnawed on the scenery, they practically chewed on the audience's seats.)

Like those famous old pros, young stunner Sarah Von Hoey, who plays Beth in this *Lie*, needs to be reminded that sometimes "less is more." Hers is the most extravagantly written part and emotionally does not need to be telegraphed when the dialogue already gives us this histrionic information in full throttle. As we view this epic we ask, "What is this play about?" "How does this series of scenes—an emotional collage—all fit together?" Shepard's style is one of immediacy, not sequential narrative. *Lie* is a collection of fractured, sometimes even delirious shards of life, all of which ripple from one event: Jake's earlier beating of his wife, Beth.

At the play's beginning Jake (Keith Burkland) informs his brother that he has killed his wife. Beth is not yet dead, but this most recently hammering by his fists has left her crippled and brain-damaged. Bruises cover her body. Because of this violence, two parallel dysfunctional families—separated by thousands of miles—relive past vignettes while reevaluating their emotional pathological impulses. They have "normality anxiety" about the comforts of the home and nest. They desperately reach out for something... for others... a word... an idea, but are usually thwarted.

Frankie (Nathan Silverman) is Jake's brother who is shot in the thigh by Beth's brother, Mike (Dean Shreiner). Because of his brother Jake's Othello-intense jealousy, the wounded Frankie lies on the sofa of his in-laws as sort of a shut-in cipher. Around him are the deer-hunter father, Baylor (Raleigh Scovel), and his slightly batty wife, Meg (Mary Matvy). On the opposite side of the stage are the mother of Jake, Lorraine (Anne Macey) and her daughter, Sally (Catherine Castellanos). This mother dotes on her prodigal son, spooning him soup in bed until, in a Brando-esque gesture, he hurls the bowl at her. Everyone in this play has *extra* feelings, too many. Similarly all of the players have the tendency to push, sometimes not trusting the text or direction. They clearly have an enormous urge to act, to communicate, to speak. Yet in a play with baroque passages as circuitous and obscure as these, simple honesty is the best format.

Shelli Bohrer's lighting design might have been improved by subtleties. It has all the nuance of a cabaret blackout—lights up, lights down. John Strelow's stark, abbreviated set might have utilized some well-chosen symbols. (Shepard's plays abound in symbols.) At the play's end an American flag diapers a rifle. A mutilated deer torso parallels the ultimate hauling in of Jake's catatonic body. Both Jake and Beth's families are left with their desperate symbols, having lost their sense of compassion, oblivious to the carnage of the slaughtered deer. Violence has become sports and emotional violence has replaced conversation in their belligerent workaday worlds.

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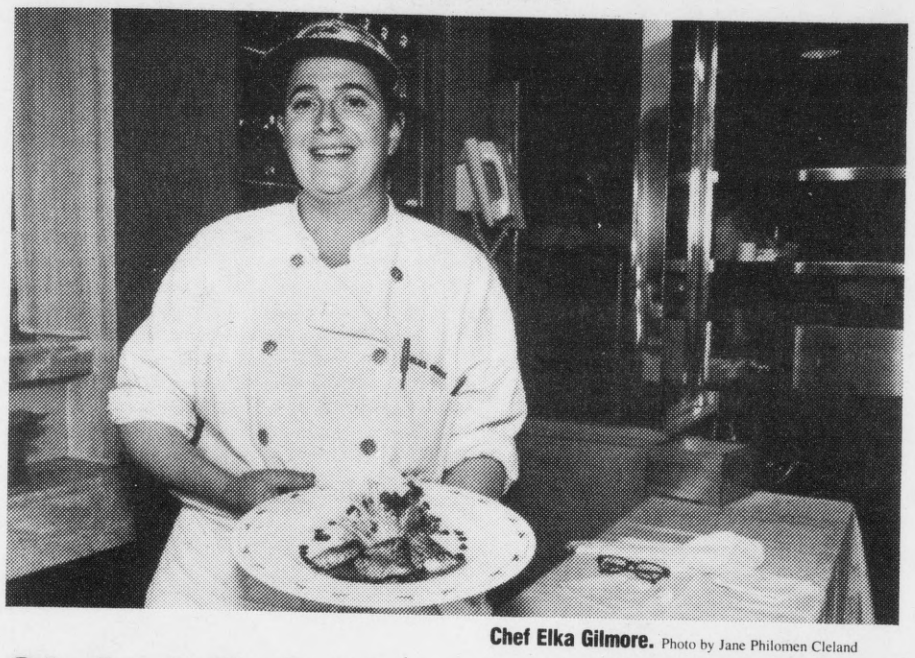

Chef Elka Gilmore. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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Remember in *The Wizard of Oz* when Dorothy Gale stepped out of the farmhouse into Munchkinland, and everything suddenly appeared in fabulous Technicolor? Dorothy stood in wonder, awed by the brightness of the flora and fauna and sky. A taste of the food at Elka made me feel like that girl in blue gingham—reverent and amazed, disdainful of what I had previously thought about Franco-Japanese cooking.

Chef Elka Gilmore began her career at 11 years old, lying about her age to work as a dishwasher in an Austin, Texas, French restaurant. With cooking and baking stints in Madison, Wis., where she attended college as a chemistry major, Boston and Los Angeles, where she was the founding chef of Camelions, Elka, now 32, has been in the business for 20 years and has gained national attention as the creator of a new style of cooking. Fusing Asian ingredients, methods and, most of all, a Japanese aesthetic, with classical French technique has resulted in such marvels as **Seared Japanese Yellowtail with Crispy Shiitakes and Citrus Ginger Juice** and **Kasu Marinated Sturgeon with Grilled Rice Cake and Pickled Plum Vinaigrette**.

Subtitled "Definitive Seafood," Elka offers mostly fish and shellfish dishes, with occasional bows to meat and game. Served on whimsically patterned plates or in tiny ceramic bowls on wooden shelves ("Japanese Box"), the dishes are presented with as much grace as they are prepared.

Located in Japantown's Miyako Hotel, Elka less resembles what you think of as a hotel dining room than a chic Western Addition gallery. Deep rose and ochre tones set the stage for a cavernous room decorated with a statue of Mr. Bill, hanging geometrical paper lanterns, a school of multicolored glass fish, a long padded banquette along one wall, and a 20-foot modern Japanese mural along another. The feeling is comfortable, exciting and artsy. Restaurant-design guru Pat Kuleto, craftsman Frank Neidhardt, interior designer Ralph Weise and artist Michael Brennan (who painted the mural) collaborated on the design effort. Guests feel as comfortable in the padded, log-hewn chairs at orchid-adorned tables as they do with the low-key, knowledgeable service. Waiters dressed in sharp rust-colored vests, white shirts and black pants are experienced and refreshingly unpretentious.

Tasty seeded and sour baguette slices from Bakers of Paris begin the lunch one day, followed by the appetizers. Four **Crunchy Fried Oysters with Tomato-Cilantro Salsa** ($6) were delectable, fried in cornmeal, and dabbed with a hot, unexpected *chipotle* cream. A triangular **Goat Cheese and Beet Terrine** ($7.50) combined layers of thin beets with smooth purple-stained

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At lunch, Chef Gilmore explained to me, the menu is slightly toned down, the Asian influence less evident, to accommodate the "ladies who lunch." A **Grilled Marinated Salmon with Double-Fried Potatoes and Herb Salad** ($12) turned out to be medallions of *gravlax* (sugar and salt-cured salmon), grilled and extremely salty, but helped along by dill cream, a meadowy salad of parsley, dill and chervil, and crisp little potatoes. A perfectly medium-cooked **Grilled Swordfish** ($14) came on a bed of arugula dressed in a honey-rosemary vinaigrette, paper-thin slices of Roma tomatoes and croutons spread with roast garlic. A signature dish, the **Coriander Encrusted Ahi Tuna with Vegetables and Cellophane Noodles** ($14) is seared rare, sliced and placed on a long tangle of cellophane, zucchini and carrot noodles, the latter affording a brilliant sweetness, offsetting the intense coriander seeds and black pepper.

It's at dinner that Elka and her *chef de cuisine* Traci des Jardins come out to play; the menu extensively lists items with a focus on elegant, Far East takes on local ingredients. A sampling of appetizers one night provided a look into Elka's finest. The **Japanese Box Filled with Small Seafood Dishes** (price changes nightly) brought a box of wooden shelves, containing tiny dishes such as black bean clams with cucumber brunoise; cold duck and crab spring roll with a spicy, cilantro-basil lime sauce; a hard-boiled quail egg split and topped with caviar; and a jumbo prawn tempura tied with vegetable strings. The **Soft Shell Crab and Asparagus Tempura ($15)** came on a gorgeous patterned plate topped with crisp, succulent crabs and just-tender asparagus spears in a greaseless batter, with a ramekin of *ponzu* dipping sauce. Divine.

A large wine list with plenty of California and French wines, many available by the glass, contains few bargains, many reasonable bottles, and some overpriced ones, too. **Tynant** water, that Welsh sparkling in the gorgeous blue glass, sells for $8 per large bottle, surely the most expensive *water* in town.

Elka has just acquired pastry chef Elizabeth Falkner (formerly of Masa's), and her wildly imaginative desserts fit in nicely with the rest of the food. A **Brown Sugar Creme Brulee with Green Apple Sorbet** ($6) arrived in a big dish, with the sorbet poised on a miniature spiced shortbread cookie on the caramelized sugar crust of the rich, dense custard. **Warm White Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sorbet** ($7) seemed more like a sculpture than dessert, with rows of sauce-painted raspberries surrounding the fluffy warm cake, and a constructed bench of chocolate shortbread and orange-chocolate ganache was filled with a *mascarpone* cream center.

Open just over a year, Elka deserves a visit, whether you're headed there for top-notch seafood, an eclectic ambiance or to sample one of the star cuisines of the '90s.

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Champagne for The Buffoons

The Jessup Cafe Theatre in downtown Larkspur is currently presenting a double bill featuring Dexter Madison's one-man comedy performance piece and a pre-show cabaret set by Ruth Hastings, Craig Jessup and Barry Lloyd. The setting is rustic, the ambience is uptown with white-clothed tables-for-two and the food, an innovative selection of nicely priced *tapas* elegantly presented by chef Nivan Partee, is something to write home about. We had the cheese torta (a pesto and sun-dried tomato cheese torte with crostini) and a spinach ravialone (four spinach and cheese pasta rolls baked with browned sage butter and served with a red pepper fruit sauce. Both mini-entrees were habit forming as was my vanilla flan, golden topped with a hint of orange in the sauce).

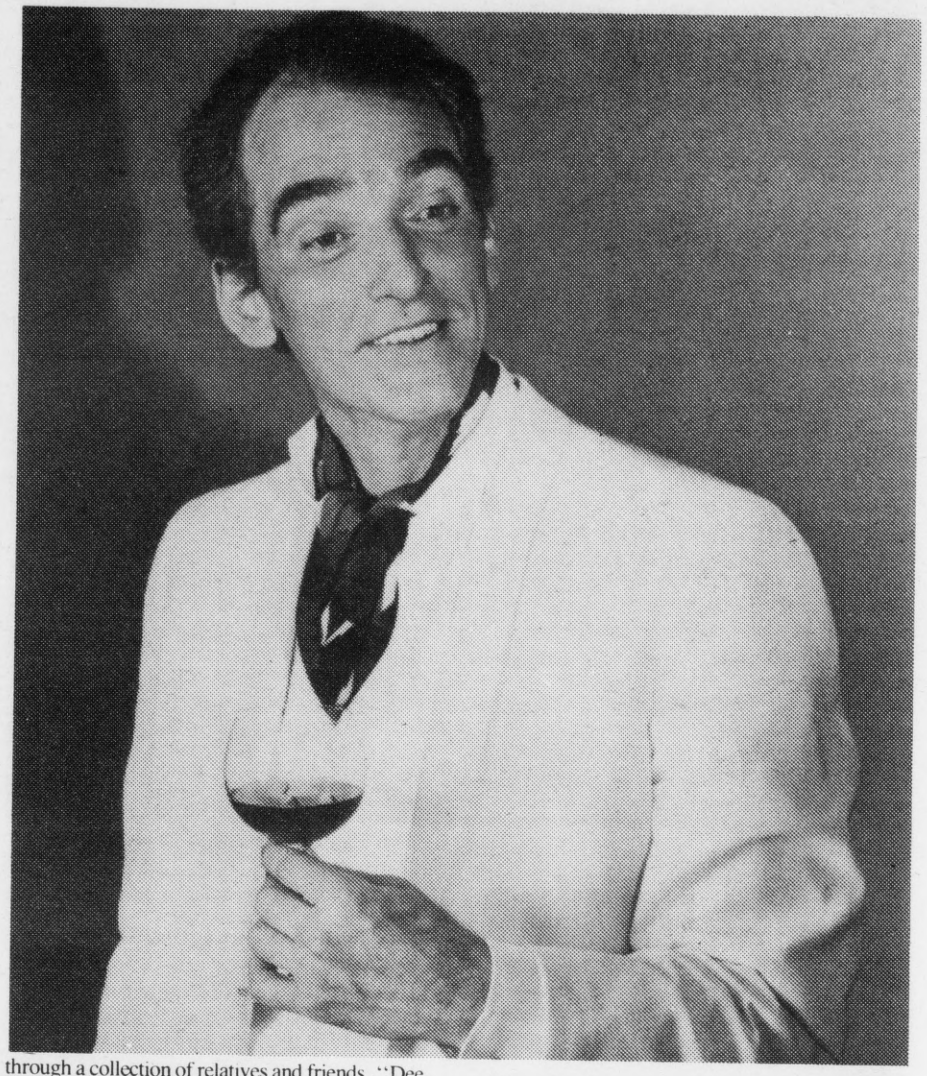
In a charming preamble to headliner Madison's witty, first-person monologue about an upper-crust ne'er do well, Hastings & Co. set the scene with a dozen Manhattan-flavored songs from the likes of Noel Coward, Cole Porter and Rodgers and Hart. Ruth took the lead on a sweetly sung, "If Love Were All," Craig delivered Maltby and Shire's "Flair" with a nice dash of panache, and pianist Barry Lloyd crooned a dreamy solo on Rodgers and Hart's "This Funny World." Ruth's powerful "Cri Du Coeur" will transport her fans back 20 years to her Jacques Brel heyday, and the trio signed off with Cole Porter's delightfully flippant "Let's Fly Away."

In reality, Dexter Madison is the character creation of Joe Campaiolo, winner of the 1989 SF Comedy Competition, and it was Dexter we came to see. Tall, debonair and reeking with the *noblesse oblige* attitude of an upper-class buffoon unaware that he is facing extinction, Dexter strolled on stage, poured himself a glass of champagne, and embarked on the highlights of a frivolous life. If you liked Edward Duke in his free-wheeling depiction of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves a couple of seasons ago, Dexter's Americanized version of just such a dilettante is your cup of oolong. The subject matter is similar. The presentation is not. Dexter is laid-back, so much so that his occasional tendency to slur his words and drop his voice at the end of a punchline fails to deliver the punch.

Sipping his champagne, Dexter meanders through a collection of relatives and friends. "Dee Dee and I have been involved for about a year," he remarks and then drops his voice, "in mortal combat." He snorts in appreciation of Dee Dee's wit. "She introduces me as her S.O.B.—sort of boyfriend." (Dee Dee is obviously first cousin to that dreaded debutante Gloria Upson from *Mame*.)

When Dexter advised his father in a career chat that he wanted to be a poet, the old man immediately asked, "What rhymes with disinheritance?"

For all his snobbery, his supercilious quips, Dexter's arrows manage to puncture a smug human foible or two. "If nobody told you that the Mona Lisa was a great painting," he asks young cousin Pierpont, "would you think so?" He supplies his own answer, "Probably not." And as for Mona's lopsided smile, he continues, she's obviously had a stroke and isn't smiling at all. More than likely she's pleading through clenched lips for someone to get her out of that chair!



Debonair dilettante Dexter Madison.

Comedian Campaiolo sums up Dexter's lifestyle in another succinct question: "Did you ever find yourself in the middle of a nervous breakdown and nobody notices?"

Campaiolo's material is subtle and probing, but *Champagne for the Buffoons* could use more narrative framework to lead us from one situation to another. It's consistently amusing, but it cries for more vocal color, some highs and lows, louds and softs, and some wacky, go-for-broke anecdotes to make it soar.

Susi Levi directed. Anne and John Fox produced.

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Paving Paradise at Josie's: The Joni Mitchell Show

by Tommi Avicolli Mecca

My first thought upon hearing that a performer at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint is doing Joni Mitchell and not Bette Davis, Joan Crawford or Judy Garland was a loud, "It's about time!"

I'm over Bette, Joan, Judy and all the other queer male icons of decades past. Tired. It's time to give us children of the Woodstock generation a chance to venerate our own legends.

That's exactly what veteran New York performer John Kelly is doing. From June 16-July 4, Kelly is paying tribute to one of the divas of the '60s and '70s folk/rock set, Joni Mitchell, via a recreation of her music live onstage at San Francisco's famed Castro queer night spot. He'll be accompanied onstage by Jonathan Bassil on guitar and Timmy Spence on keyboards.

If you're looking for bitchy repartee or an overdose of bad '30s film makeup, this is not for you. Instead, be prepared for those classic early songs of one of folkdom's finest voices and songwriters.

The Mitchell show, "Paved Paradise" (title compliments of the classic "Big Yellow Taxi"), debuted at the first Wigstock (the grandmama of all drag events) in Tompkins Park in New York in 1984. After a successful engagement there, Kelly "started doing it in clubs with a band—a longer version," he tells me via telephone two weeks before his opening here in San Francisco.

After lengthening the act, Kelly wrote Mitchell, sending her a dossier and a video of his show. He didn't hear from her right away— not until after he did the Cat Club in L.A. Then her manager called to inquire about Kelly's show. "He wanted to know if I make fun of her, and if I'm doing justice to her music," he says.

Kelly assured him that the show meant no disrespect to the singing legend. "He said he'd invite her," Kelly says. "Thank God, she didn't come. I would've been quaking in the knees if she had."

Kelly's admiration of Joni Mitchell goes back to his teen years in Jersey City, N.J. "While

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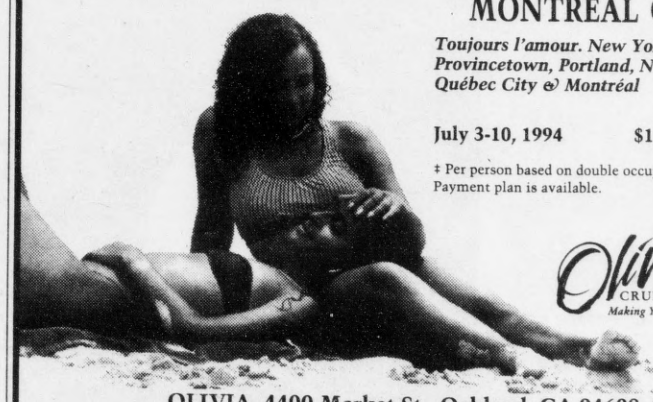

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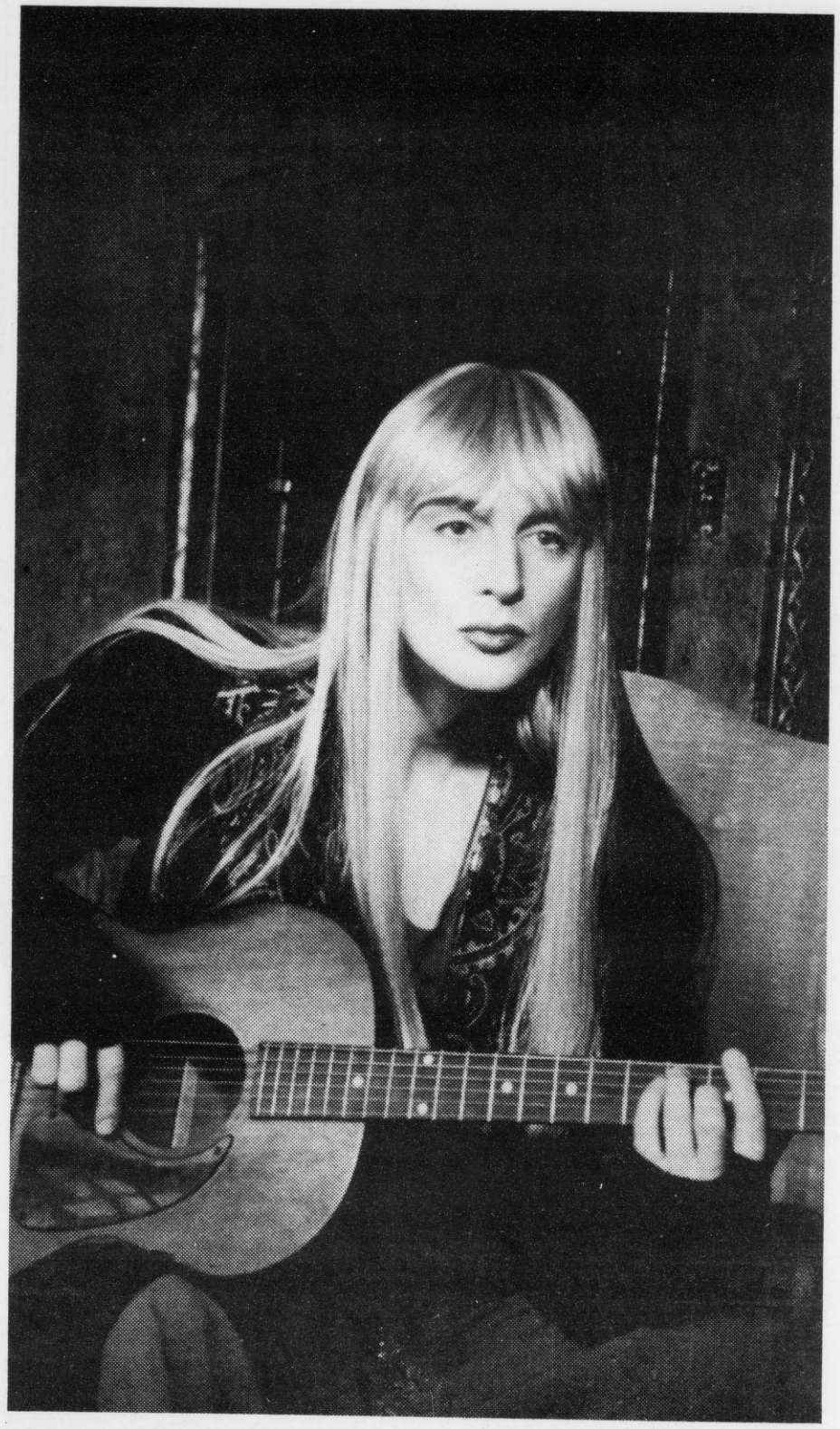

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growing up in New Jersey," Kelly confesses, "her records were my only outlet. She helped me get through adolescence."

The same is true for many of us who grew up in that pre- and post-Stonewall era of the late '60s and early '70s. With no visible queer role models on the folk/rock scene, we looked to any sensitive soul who sang of the anguish of love and the fleeting nature of life. Much the same way that a previous generation of queer men looked to idols like Judy Garland and Peggy Lee.

Joni had talent, too. She could write a lyric like no other songwriter, blending poetry and storytelling with some pretty haunting melodies.

"I think she's one of the great musical artists of the century," Kelly says without hesitation or reservation.

But she's more. Like many of the artists of her generation (Bowie among them), Mitchell is also a chameleon—shedding her image every few years. Kelly's show reflects only the first of these changes—from the Canadian hippie folksinger of the late '60s to the glamorous L.A. folk/rock diva with the many beaus.

What Kelly's show doesn't document are the next changes—Joni the jazz singer, and Joni the techno-artist who abandoned the folk/rock sound (and her wonderful sense of melody) for the drone of synthesizers and electric guitars.

John Kelly as Joni Mitchell in her folk-singer/rock diva days. Photo by Michael O'Brien

Kelly's feelings about Joni's changing personae? "She's an artist who needs to do what she needs to do," he says.

For diehard Mitchell fans, this may be the last chance to see Kelly doing the flaxen-voiced idol of the Summer-of-Love generation. Kelly plans to retire the show after the San Francisco engagement, and move on to other things. He says he only brought the show out here at the request of some local fans.

Kelly says he now concentrates on theater works rather than club gigs. "It's like writing novels instead of short stories," he quips.

His next theater piece is about a trapeze artist who worked in drag in Paris. While he's in San Francisco doing Mitchell onstage, offstage Kelly will be taking trapeze lessons.

It's all in a day's work for a performer of Kelly's caliber.

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film

by Randy Turoff

Festival Reflections

Forbidden Love, the opening night documentary feature from Canada at this year's Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, is certainly a politically viable and powerful assertion of lesbian visibility. We hear from nine interesting "older" women, each with a style and wit, identifiably her own. The film takes us back to the '50s and '60s, when lesbian pulp novels reigned supreme and when women from coast to coast read them clandestinely behind locked doors. Lacking the political organizations, women's bookstores and accessible offerings from a lesbian/gay press, budding dykes of yore depended on dime-store novels for confirmation of their hidden sexual identities. The novels, along with gritty bars found in the red-light districts of certain big cities, served as typical entry points into lesbian life, a life which was both imagined and eventually acted upon.

Forbidden Love covers the terrain judiciously, through archival footage, narrated stories, and old photos. But what makes this film especially interesting to me are the fantastic short cuts of scenes recreated from a lesbian pulp novel, fondly interspersed throughout the documentary.

Personally, I'd love to see an entire film made of a pulp novel in pulp-style played for romantic thrills. It would be fun to be taken on a '50s-style sexual adventure complete with cheap sets, panting dialogue, and guilty girls making "unnatural" moves on each other. In *Forbidden Love*, I especially liked the short scene recreated from the novel when the beautiful dark-haired Mitch brings the pretty blonde Laura home from the bar and slow dances with her in the apartment, despite Laura's embarrassed reluctance. And the last installment in which Mitch undresses Laura, removing her bra slowly and sensually in front of a mirror, comes off as very hot. The sex that follows is a short take, but worth the price of admission. The wrap-up dialogue, heard as voice-over narration, is perfectly campy and rightly dead serious for the time: "Now she knew that for sure, she was a lesbian!"

BELLE

The closing lesbian feature this year is the operatic Dutch film *Belle*. It starts out as a highly stylized melodrama, following the schoolgirl romance and the ensuing more adult relationship between the rich-girl Belle and her working-class lover Marthe. The sensual, physical relationship between them is very painterly and delicately portrayed. In fact, it's the best thing about the film. Unfortunately, the physical relationship is dropped early on. Replaced by regret and obsessive memories, this relationship takes a back seat as Belle proceeds to become a successful businesswoman, gets married to fit into society, and becomes an unhappy heterosexual mother with four children.

The climactic moment occurs in a brief but telling action after Belle and her husband have made up following one of their annoying fights. Unregistered by him, she writes the name of her beloved "Marthe" on his back with butter, and then licks it off deliriously. The other incisive moment in this overly rambling *oeuvre* occurs later as Belle reflects miserably on the stern and unyielding woman she has become. From her chauffeur-driven car she observes a young girl full of passion and innocence, and Belle realizes that in her older age she has become everything she hated in her own mother; she has become the type of woman she always disdained as a child.

Had the film ended at this point, it would have made a much tighter movie and better drama. Instead, *Belle* spins off into never-never land, with an incomprehensibly symbolic coda. Some kind of primal priapic "Man" reappears out of the blue, once again spouting his irritating pretentious philosophy of life. This Father Time character weakens the plot and absolutely ruins any lesbian, feminist or woman-centered content in this film. It's as if the director, Irma Achten, suddenly got cold feet and, frightened by her own revelations, undermined her own effort to show lesbian obsession on screen. Why not drop the pretense and go directly for the psychodrama and naturalistic plot?

THE LAST ISLAND

My favorite feature film at this year's Festival is Marleen Gorris' *The Last Island*. Although it has no explicitly lesbian content, it comes off as a strong woman's film with a controlled and suspenseful butch plot, tempered by an ethical and sensual feminist resolution. The film is so modern and so full of important issues of the day, that it's amazing how great an adventure movie it makes, all the while keeping its sophistication, integrity and dark humor.

On the surface one might see *The Last Island* as a kind of adult *Lord of the Flies*; it's an apocalyptic allegory on the human condition. The filmmaker, from the Netherlands, is best known for her two previous critically acclaimed features, *A Question of Silence* and *Broken Mirrors*. *The Last Island*, produced in 1990 on 35 mm film with English dialogue, is making its Bay Area premiere.

The plot is simple and serves as an excellent scaffold upon which Gorris constructs this masterpiece of psychology, politics and philosophy. A commercial jet crashes, most of the passengers die, a handful of survivors end up on a small deserted tropical island. The survivors include five men: a gay couple, a military officer, a French academic and a young American stud, and also two females: an elderly wise woman and a nubile yuppie attorney from Toronto. A faithful dog survives as well.

The film delves into all sorts of issues perpetuated by action based on internal machinations and external contingencies which face the doomed group. It's a remarkable film in how it handles so many feminist concerns—reproductive rights, the Catholic Church in relation to women and gays, gender/power inequities, same-sex bonding, conflict resolution, the existence of evil, mercy killing, female ethics—in a manner which is thoroughly engaging and suspenseful. Gorris uses every inch of footage to heighten the drama.

Civility and barbarism are at war. Gorris uncovers the violent unconscious motives beneath the veneer of politeness, and she deconstructs the reassuring enactment of established social roles. In *The Last Island*, the most frightening things happen. God and Jesus' name are used to invoke cruel punishments. The notion of abstract thinking, of pushing toward a mental goal, goes over the limit and becomes so abstract and removed from the heart and soul that the worst intentions end up being played out. Power plays lose any semblance of humanity as violence takes over and one character after another loses track of the

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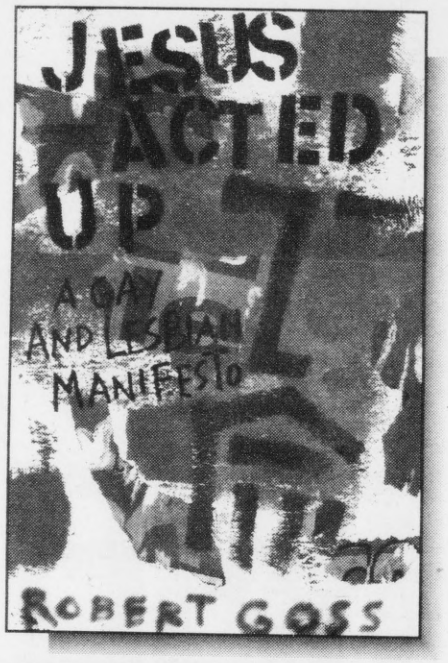

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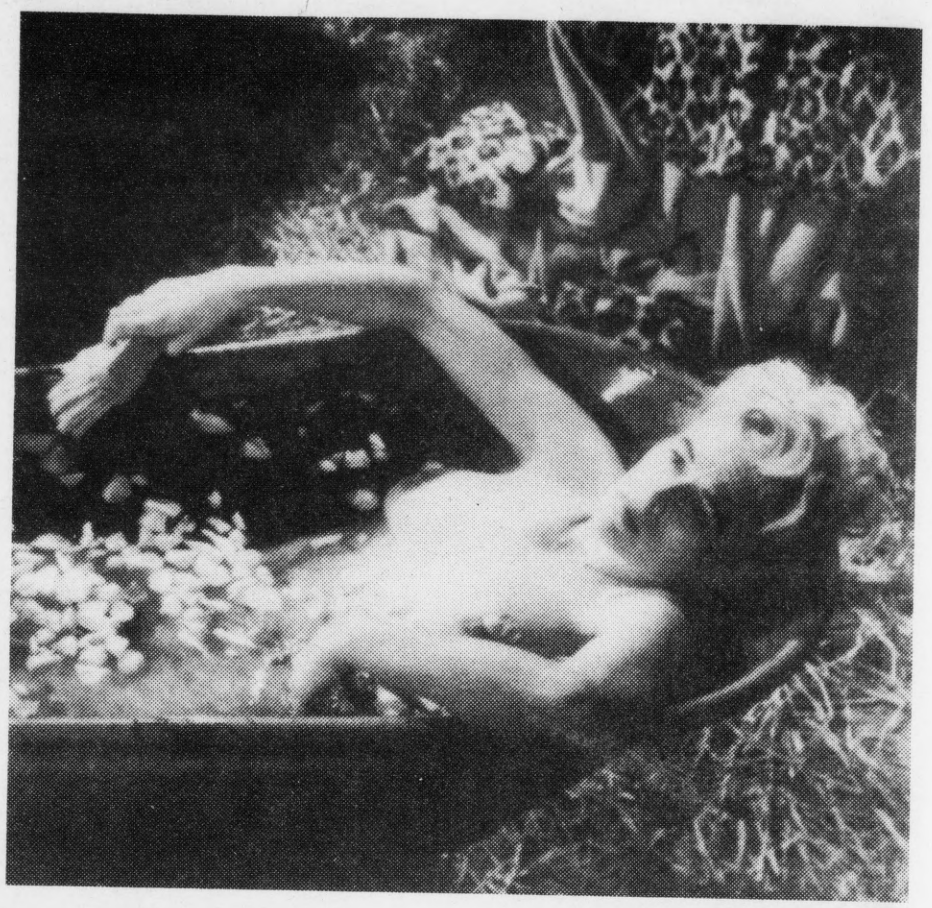
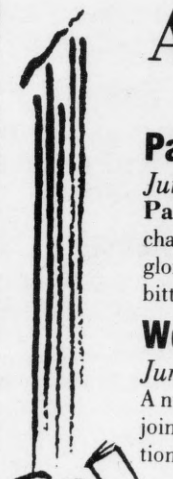


"Belle" directed by Irma Achten, will be shown at the 17th annual Lesbian & Gay Film festival. See Calendar for times.

primary root function of preserving a life worth living. The male characters become so embattled with each other over territory, power and sexual prowess that they make life on the island a veritable hell for each other and for the women who defend themselves against the brutality.

Gorris clearly sees this as a gender issue, and so her feminist proclivity comes through and makes this somewhat of a message movie, although it's not as heavy-handed as it may sound. The gender imbalance only comes up when the female lawyer Joanna is suddenly being looked upon, even by the older gay man, as the only way of perpetuating the human species. Joanna objects that she doesn't want to have children or be a mother and that she's their comrade in arms, not just a womb waiting to be fertilized. But the idea of procreation and of the woman as the only one capable of making life, out of all of them there, thrusts the film into confronting the dynamics between force, rape, the fight for dominance and sexual objectification. Even though Joanna does not at all feel the need to be sexual with any of the men, each of them begins to look upon her as a sexual object because of her reproductive capabilities and because of their power plays with each other.

Gorris takes this drama to the most basic symbolic levels and many universal myths emerge as the film moves toward its chilling and stunning finale. The Adam and Eve myth gets a good shake in the film. When the young stud, Jack, is on the verge of raping Joanna, she pulls a knife on him, but also warns him of the viper on the branch behind his back. He doesn't believe her. He's bitten. Jack finds himself slowly dying from gangrene, not from the snake bite, but from an act of deliberate cruelty inflicted on him by Nick, the military and religious fanatic. Jack's demise comes when he is force fed a poison fruit. He is given the poison fruit against Joanna's objections. Jack is finally led to death not by Joanna (Eve) but by Nick, whose sexuality is so repressed and whose misogyny is so virulent that he would kill Adam so as to be able to blame Eve for being an evil seductress and the ruin of the human race. Equal to his misogyny is Nick's homophobia. This seething double-headed hatred leads to the most dire consequences for everyone on the island. As the story unfolds, it ends on a hopelessly ironic note. ✿



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Orlando

Tilda Swinton as Orlando (r), with Anna Farnworth as Clorinda in Sally Potter's "Orlando."

Sally Potter has accomplished the miraculous. She has taken a great work of literature and transformed it into a great work of cinematic art. The film *Orlando* refers as much to the medium of film as Virginia Woolf's 1928 novel *Orlando* refers to the medium of literature and writing. Under Potter's skillful direction, the translation from one art form to another is thoroughly accomplished, losing nothing in the process.

Woolf's best visual descriptions are lifted and projected onto the screen, often as *tableaux* rendered by fabulous film sets, elaborate costumes, grand location shots and theatrically constructed dramatic interiors. *Orlando* is a super-stylized film, where the actors are marked by their dance-like gestures, and certain of their moments are frozen on screen to be observed, appreciated, and framed like paintings. Yet the plot moves quickly through 400 years of history, in which we see the young Orlando start out as a noble boy in Elizabethan England and end up as an independent woman living through the two World Wars and riding off on a motorcycle toward the 21st century.

Through each century Woolf pays close attention to the social, political, sexual and psychological roles available to women and expected of men. She has her perpetual character of Orlando live out, suffer, and challenge the conventions of the time, whether as a man or woman. Potter picks up on Woolf's more serious ruminations while she also renders Woolf's marvelous tongue-in-cheek humor in cinematic terms, as when Orlando faces the camera directly and breaks through the action to make ironic asides.

The film is great fun and absolutely beautiful to watch. The fact that Tilda Swinton plays Orlando, keeping her femme-of-center stance even as she plays at being the young man, makes the love affair with the Russian princess Sasha feel wonderfully lesbian. My one dissatisfaction with the film comes from my feeling that the affair with Sasha was given too perfunctory a treatment, considering that Orlando suffered the consequences of this lost love for four centuries. The fact that Quentin Crisp plays the aged "Queen" Elizabeth, in a court surrounded by singing castrati, effeminate actors and young noblemen in attendance, casts the scene in a gender-bending light, as well.

When Orlando becomes a woman and has a heterosexual scene with an American adventurer, it works only after she has described her dual male/female nature to him, and he has understood and seen her masculinity behind her femininity and her real need of him beyond the conventional roles ascribed by their particular time.

Like the novel, the film is multilayered, flamboyantly imaginative, and wonderfully convoluted. Potter wrote the screenplay, directed, and also co-composed the beautifully textured soundtrack. All the twists and turns of plot, recurrent themes, and telling gestures hang together organically as parts baroquely reflecting the same whole. Potter's use of titles like "Death," "Love," and "Poetry," along with time markers, definitely helps situate the viewer in the proper place and time elaborated by the text on screen. The sound effects and magical sets are used to the fullest advantage, whether they're showing us the Thames freezing over, or putting us in the middle of an ear-splitting sleigh ride over the ice scraped by blades and pounded by horses' hooves.

In the psychological realm, Virginia Woolf writes in *Orlando* mostly about loneliness, emotional love, and the casualties of love lost. She wrote her novel in 1928 at the age of 46. The book is dedicated to the love and lust she felt for her aristocratic friend Vita Sackville-West. The character of Orlando is based upon Vita, who like Orlando, grew up in a palace of an estate, originally granted to her family by Queen Elizabeth. Vita grew up wealthy and lonely, with a passionately artistic temperament and a gay sensibility. Vita liked to dress in drag and was romantically linked to the figure of Violet Trefusis, whom Virginia Woolf turned into the Russian princess Sasha in the book. *Orlando* was a hit with both the critics and the public, and it elevated Woolf (who had already published six novels) to the status of well-known author.

The film *Orlando* took Potter four years to complete, at a budget of $4 million, with a cast and crew of hundreds. The infamous freezing of the Thames scene was actually shot in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1992. Potter made the propitious choice of hiring costume designer Sandy Powell (who is known for her work on Derek Jarman's *Caravaggio* and recently on Neil Jordan's *The Crying Game*), and she put production designers Ben Van Os and Jan Roelfs to work on the carefully researched and detailed sets. *Orlando* marks Muscovite cinematographer Alexei Rodionov's debut outside of Russia.

In addition to Tilda Swinton and Quentin Crisp, some superb acting is brought to the screen by John Wood, Billy Zane, Charlotte Valandrey, Lothaire Bluteau and a host of others. ✿

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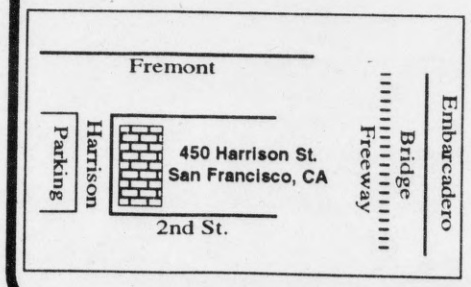

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The June 4 gay comedy night at the SF Eagle to benefit the GSL: (l-r) Ray Tilton, Danny Williams, St. Clair, Shan Carr, Lenny Broberg, Donna Sachet and Nova Lei. Photo by Rink

by St. clair adams

Life After Title

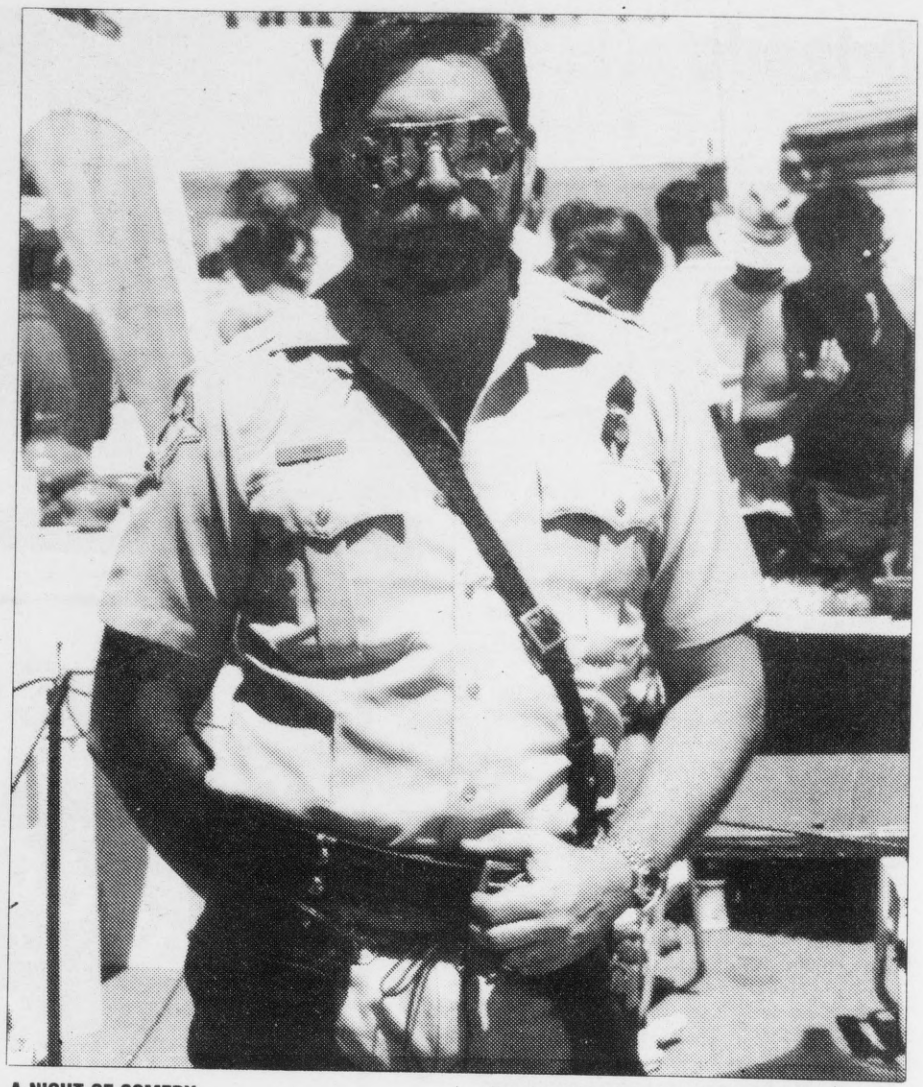
Is there life after holding a title? The year of one's reign can be exhausting and overwhelming. It seems everyone wants you at their event and expects you to produce many of your own. Of course, you are expected to carry out these duties along with your regular job and personal life. There are some fantastic rewards that accompany a title, but during the year it is mostly work.

One of the biggest nights of glory is the night of the next year's contest, where the titleholder is acknowledged for his or her accomplishments. Stepping aside, as we call it, is an emotional experience—emotional because the titleholder is already drained of almost every last ounce of energy after an entire fast-paced year. When the love of the crowd is felt and the sounds of praise are heard, who could not help but feel a little emotional?

At the same time, stepping aside is a big relief. One of the hardest realities of being a titleholder is that no matter how hard you work, it is never enough for some. While most people are happy with whatever the titleholder has accomplished, some are jealous and act out political bullshit.

After it is all over and the titleholder is just another person in the crowd, they will be likely to continue their tour of events. Now that there are no expectations, or perhaps they do it because they want to do it. For some reason the crowd gives more praise to efforts of past titleholders, I think because it's seen as a gift of the heart, not ego. I can tell you that most of these special people give it to you from their hearts.

One of the biggest examples of continuing the tour after stepping aside is Lenny Broberg (Int'l Mr. Leather '92). Lenny has already been selected and has agreed to emcee three of the largest leather events across the country. Lenny's accomplishments are too many to name, but I believe he has set a new stride for the title of IML. Lenny, I hope you will take a little time for yourself—it's good to have you back.



Russian River Leather Daddy '91 Rod Wood at the Russian River Pride Fest. Photo by St. Clair

A NIGHT OF COMEDY

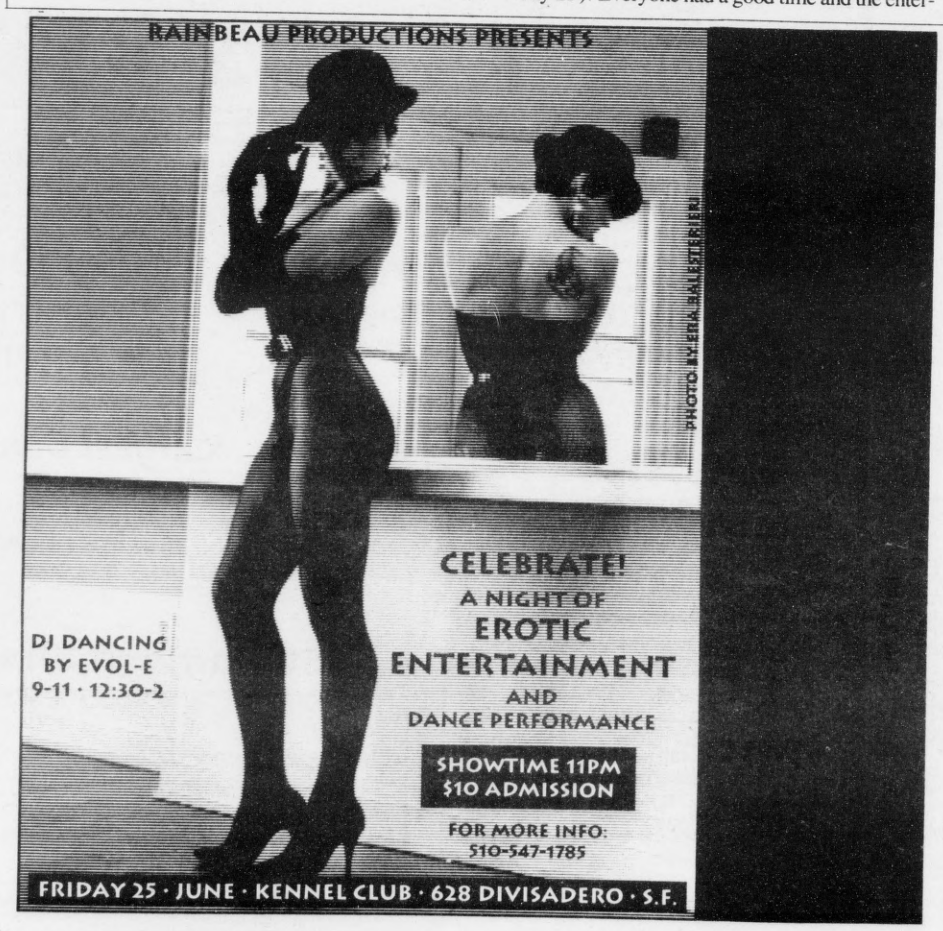
Friday, June 4, was not your usual Eagle crowd, but nonetheless it was a big crowd. It was an interesting mix of softball leaguers and people I have never seen before. Ray Tilton and Nova Lei put on one hell of a show with comedians galore. Performances by Tom Ammiano (The Mother of All Gay Comedy), Shan Carr, Gail Hand, Karen Ripley, Dustin Coupe, and The Lollipop Guild were accompanied by the night's emcees Danny Williams and Donna Sachet (Miss Gay SF). Everyone had a good time and the entertainment was excellent. I don't have the figures yet, but it looks like a lot of money was raised for the "C" Division of the SF Gay Softball League.

LEATHER FLOAT

I am concerned about the low turnout for the beer bust at the Eagle on Saturday, June 5, for the Leather Pride Float. I know that in the past a lot of very dedicated people have worked to keep the float in the parade, but they always seem to have trouble getting the help they need. The organizers need volunteers to help with the building and they need you, the leather community, to help by supporting the fundraising events and volunteering to work on it. We all must keep in mind that the Leather Pride Float is not a profit-making project. It is community project that represents the leather family, and we should feel proud to have an icon of pride.

RUSSIAN RIVER PRIDE FEST

Sunday, June 13, was a very hot day at the Guerneville Gay Pride Festival. Hundreds of people, both locals and out-of-towners, came to enjoy a day of crafts and entertainment. Of course two of the hottest performers were from right here in the Bay Area: Terry Foster and Rainbeau. These two knocked the town's socks off with an hour of steamy talent. We had a booth to promote Leather Weekend and were greeted with a lot of support by many of the onlookers. Many of the crafts vendors jumped at an opportunity to get a space for the Leather Weekend's crafts fair. There was plenty of leather in town for the weekend event and the Rainbow Cattle Co. was packed on Saturday night for a special leather party. I had a great time and am looking forward to more partying at the River. Some of the resorts at the River are making a big effort to return to quality service. I have been watching the River closely and can tell you that the Willow, Triple R, Paradise Cove and Highland Del are doing a great job. Hopefully the rest will follow the lead of these resorts. Ziggurat is under a new management and is making a lot of great changes. I recommend that



you try these places if you haven't already. I'm sure you will get your money's worth.

SACRAMENTO LEATHER ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 19, the SLA is holding the first Sacramento Dyke Daddy contest. The event plans include plenty of quality entertainment, fantasies, a raffle and the contests. The proceeds from this event will benefit local Sacramento charities.

On July 16-18, the Sacramento Leather Association proudly presents "In the Heat of the Night." Friday will be the Mr. Wreck Room contest at, of course, the Wreck Room, starting at 10:30 pm. Saturday afternoon is a merchant fair and an S/M 101 demonstration, also at the Wreck Room. Saturday night is the big Leather Fantasy Show at Joseph's Town and Country, with the doors opening at 7:30 pm. On Sunday, at Joseph's, they are having a Fourth Anniversary Party from 12 noon to 5 pm. Hope to see you there!

VENUS INFERS

Sluts for Sensation and Club Cream are jointly sponsoring "Rivers of Cream," a women-only safe sex play party at the Eros Center on Thursday, June 24. Doors open at 8 pm with safe sex supplies, sodas, snacks and a fully equipped dungeon for a ticketed price of $15. Ladies, women and dykes have a hot time.

THE PHOENIX ANNIVERSARY

The Phoenix Uniform Club gives another big party to commemorate its anniversary on June 26 from 7-11 pm. They have chosen the Green Room above the Herbst Theatre on Van Ness, and boy is it a perfect location. Every year the food is unbelievable, and the hosted bar is manned by hot studs in uniform. The Club rolls out the red carpet. The entertainment this year is Gail Wilson and City Swing. Fifty percent of the proceeds benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund. Tickets are now available at all Mr. S Leather locations and Leather Masters in San Jose; $25 in advance & $35 at the door.

PLAY TIME

Friday, June 18, the Academy is having a pansexual play party and would like to invite you to attend. Doors open at 9 pm and close at midnight, but the party continues until 2am. It is $15 for members and $20 for nonmembers (which includes membership). For info, call (415) 882-1134.

RAINBEAU PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

"A Night of Erotic Entertainment" on June 25 starting at 11 pm. This can't-miss performance is being held at the Kennel Club, 628 Divisadero with DJ Evol-E spinning the night away from 9 pm-2 am. $10 gets you into the door and a perfect view of a hot show with Rainbeau. Hope to see you there.

IMsL, INC.

International Ms. Leather, Inc. Board of Directors, is taking a new direction. IMsL is holding an election for a new board on July 12 at 1839 15th St. The group seems to be more active and is very willing to try new things to keep the contest going. Anyone with an interest in the women's leather community is eligible to run for the IMsL Board of Directors. There are some hard workers on the current board who need your help! It was a little scary for them when they almost did not have last year's contest. This is a piece of our leather history and we need to protect it by our support. Everyone is being encouraged to help and participate, and there is plenty of room for all. Contact Phyllis Zusman at (415) 661-6347 for more information.

THE BILLY CLUB

The Billy Club is having its Mid Summer Extravaganza July 1-5 in Saratoga Springs, Upper Lake. A $100-$200 ticketed weekend includes all meals, camping space, workshops, hot tub, pool, showers and hiking trails. Contact Muiz Brinkerhoff at (415) 647-0969 for more information.

THE CAL EAGLES/PAC BEARS

On July 16-18, the California Eagles and the Pacific Bears California Leather invite you to join them for "Land of the Eagle, Realm of the Bear" Sierra run. The campsites feature lakeside views, hot showers, five meals, a DJ, open bar, biking events, and optional white water rafting. Sounds like real man's/woman's camping, tough and rugged without any comforts—*not* "Pansy Camping." This run is limited to 150 participants, so hurry fast to register. The Eagle run is notorious, and the Pac Bears are a blast to party with. Applications are now available.

LEATHER WEEKEND '93

August 13-15 is the Eighth Annual Russian River Leather Weekend, "A Year of New Energy." This year we have made a great effort to include the businesses of the Russian River in the production. So far we have been met with open arms by most. Events planned are: a welcoming party on Friday night; two poolside parties at the Triple R Resort; a Leather Ball on Saturday night at Ziggurat; a couple more events are still in the planning stage. Check with the Triple R Resort (host resort) if you would like to make a booking for a room, (707) 869-0691. For more information about Leather Weekend '93 call (415) 364-1915. ✿

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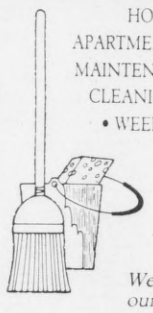

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Wanted by 3rd level old (lesbian) server. Michael says you're here. Other Michael students and metaphysical dykes also welcome to respond, for fun, frolic and serious discourse on this and other lifetimes. Reply BT Box JN1B.

Do You Want A Date
With a good-looking, fit, intelligent, stable, employed professional with butch sensibilities yet presentable to your mother? I'm 46, average build, light/blue, who enjoys movies, music, racquetball, good sex, walks, time alone. Attracted to very pretty, dark femmes, average build, who are warm, sexy, healthy and sincere. Uncomfortable with substance abusers, manipulators, smokers, cats. Let's meet and check for chemistry! Call ★★6881.

East Bay
Soft butch, 34, looking for femme to share similar interests. I'm easygoing, enjoy rides through the countryside, overcast days at the beach, rock 'n roll and the "Niners." Also enjoy crystals, rocks, ruins and meditations. Right now I'm in the middle of a career change, would enjoy corresponding by mail until settled. "Drop me a line." Open mind and sense of humor a must. Reply BT Box JN2B or call ★★6882.

Matters Of The Heart...
Mind and spirit are primary for this early-40s psychologist. Patient planting, weeding, pruning and the experience of flowers in bloom are intrinsic loves in gardening and relationship. I'm financially stable, active, slim, enjoy music and love children and laughter. I'm seeking like-minded souls to explore mutual values, companionship and maybe love? Call ★★6883.

Butch Women Wanted
I am a 46 year old, very femme seeking butch women. Enjoy being spoiled while in black nylons, garter belt. Prefer no heavy drinking or drugs. Please send photo. Reply BT Box JN3B.

San Francisco Womyn:
Would you like to meet another SF womon to go to clubs/the ocean/movies/performances with; or to just chill with: conversing, listening to music, reading, writing, sketching or cooking, etcetera ...? I'm 22, mature, cute, 5'7", 155#, toned, have long dreads and an olive complexion, and am semi-feminine. I work F/T and am returning to college. I would like to meet semi-feminine womyn of all ethnicities and sizes for friendship and possible companionship; who are 21-27 y.o., mature, vegetarian, don't smoke/drink/use, and are educated/sensitive about race/class/planetary issues. I look forward to hearing from you! Call ★★6884.

Seeking A True Spirit
Attractive, feminine, fun-loving, single female seeks intelligent, warm, romantic and very sincere single female for friendship, adventure and romance. Enjoy good conversation, theater, films, hiking, all kinds of music—classical to modern rock—gallery openings, museums and quiet, intimate moments. I admire integrity, creativity, spontaneity, intellect and honesty. Someone who is true to herself and therefore true to others. Call ★★6885.

Hello Out There!
Oakland lesbian, 34, loves the outdoors, hiking, camping, horses, dancing, movies, Star Trek, Shakespeare, and sports. I'm prof., athletic, nonsmoking, outgoing and fun. Looking for someone who's not afraid to open up and share her dreams. Let's go out and play! Risk a phone call—let's talk. Outdoor buffs and sports nuts especially encouraged to reply. Call ★★6886.

Sexy Guitar Wench
Seeks babe-o-licious vixens to put on the guest list. I love women that look like women—problem is they're usually straight girls and I'm an experiment. I don't expect to find love from this ad, but a hot date or two would be nice, for cryin' out loud. You can lie; you can flatter; just be friendly and nice to me and my friends. Call ★★6887.

Independent Study
Attended Maud's Study in the '70s and Amelia's in the '80s, this bar dropout (couldn't take the grind), now gym bum, computer (technology) nut, loves the ocean, sunshine, swimming, bicycling, cooking, wondering and wandering, wants more, you if... our chemistries mesh; you are stable, have character. Be a little vain and like to laugh. Call ★★6888.

Romantic Quest
Seeking compassionate, dynamic woman capable of emotional depth, adventurous sex, great fun and serious intentions toward me (as in LTR). I'm complex, warm, emotionally intense but sane, also very open, caring, funny and smart. I'm not slender nor into outdoor athletics much, but I am an attractive, exciting, femme, blonde, mid-40s, Jewish, NS, mental health professional who loves music, film, theater, nature, dance, restaurants, weekends away and articulate, sensual women with psychological savvy. If you live in or near SF and have no furry pets (allergies) I'd be especially pleased. Call ★★6889.

South American Looking For Friends
I am looking for friends to talk on the phone, go dancing, movies, walks, dining. I have no car; I live in Oakland. I am over 30. Call ★★6890.

Flame
I am a candle in need of a flame. Quiet, intense, soft and touchable lesbian seeks fiery spirit for love. I am white, in my early 30s and stable. You are probably butch or play sports and might be a woman of color. You have integrity and show your spirit in all parts of your life. NS, ND. East Bay. Call ★★6891.

Had We But World Enough And Time...
I would simply wait for you... wait until our eyes locked knowingly across a crowded dance floor... wait for our mutual and interested appraisals of the other's mind, beauty, warmth, and sense of humor. But time is passing oh so quickly and I can't wait to make love to you oh so slowly, can't wait for your womanly softness, your active giving, your laughter, and the quickness of your mind. Call ★★6892.

Come Dance With Me
Through fog at 3 am when every moment is sensual. Let's chase runaway trains, write poems on fire escapes, or simply toast cheap wine in candle-shadows. I'm 20something, new to SF, and seeking friendship (maybe more) in a lover of beautiful things: artistic expression, creative living, spirituality, humor, ambitious minds, stylin' souls, surrealism, truth and life passion. These are only guidelines; create your own definition; but please be free of emotional inhibitions, labels, codependence, feminist-phobia. Attitudes welcome. Thanks. Call ★★6893.

Gay Pride Eve's Birthday
But I don't have to celebrate in a crowd. Other trim, gallant lesbians sought: warm-hearted (without smoking, unhealthy habits); fun-loving (without put-downs, pain). Share the best of San Francisco which is free/low cost: taking poetic license, theatrical/arts escapades; trekking urban gypsy trails; or smooth cruising (sailing?) into playful laptime's mutual "generositease" (just safe sex foreplay til we're "going steady"). Call ★★6894.

Sex Only (Maybe)
I'm looking for a fling and nothing more. (Maybe.) If you want the same, call me. I am 37, drug-, alcohol- and AIDS-free. Call ★★6895.

Pagan Dyke
Looking for similar. Me: tall, thin, brown/green, 20s, androgynous, Libra. I enjoy sex, Ministry, mythology, good sex, tarot cards, androgynous or femme women, humor, good sex. If you are interested, are between 21-35, (race not important), don't do drugs, don't drink heavily and don't play mind games, where are you? Please call! Sex addicts a plus. Turn me on. Call ★★6896.

Passionate Italian
I'm 41, 5'9", slender and attractive. Walk with me at sunset on Lake Tahoe. Dine with me at romantic bay side restaurants. Share a picnic during a day in the wine country. I'm honest, trustworthy and loyal, wanting to share those things with someone in a monogamous relationship. Friends first. I live a healthy lifestyle. Bring the passion out in me and you won't be sorry. Call ★★6897.

A Ball Of Wax
I seek a companion for adventure: in the world, through the senses, into hearts and minds. I am emotionally intense, mentally and physically active, politically and spiritually aware. My life has been varied and unconventional; I am currently engaged in a profession I love and in raising my child. I wish to find and share the company of a woman of passion and vision, with a strong mind and a big heart, who will travel with me through all realms, whether ironic or sublime or just plain dusty. Please write or call. Reply BT Box JN4B or call ★★6898.

New Jersey Nightdriver
One week later/ & still I feel you/ in me, all over me/ like sun on skin/ I burn. —Your glasses girl. Call ★★6899.

Looking For A Dance Partner
Wanna 2-step, salsa, mambo, etc. Looking for a woman, 21-37, who is seriously interested in partner dancing, mostly following, occasionally leading. Availability during week & weekends. Let's dance. I'm flexible about how often. Romance is not guaranteed but not ruled out. Be adventurous (I'm trying to be). Call or write for details. Reply BT Box JN5B or call ★★6900.

A Little Shy
But funny and sweet. (Well, my mother thinks I'm funny.) I'm 31, Jewish, and a nurse. I'm family-oriented and enjoy singing, writing, long political arguments, animals, DH Lawrence, Dostoevski, *The New Yorker* (and Stephen King), Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt (and Rod Stewart—and Donna Summer! What can I say? I grew up in the '70s and am genetically programmed to love this stuff.) I'm an idealist and want to change the world (and eat a lot of chocolate). Will you change it with me? I promise I won't sing "Forever Young." Reply BT Box JN6B or call ★★6901.

Restless suburban GWF with active imagination seeks 30-50 y.o. for sexual friendship. I'm a book lover, with a sense of humor, athletic, curious, energetic & stable. Looking to meet like-minded individual. Call ★★6902.

Friends First
Spiritual, affectionate, intelligent, big on personal growth, healthy lifestyle, socially active, well-developed sense of humor, outgoing, honest, playful, creative lesbian who loves a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. You are 40-55, of any race, androgynous, with similar qualities. I live in SF. Call ★★6903.

Honey Buns
That is what I used to call you. I miss you terribly and you mean the world to me. I am so confused and don't know what to do. I have been patient for so long because the bottom line is that I love you and care very deeply for you, but do I have to wait forever? This decision is for you to make. Our friendship is important to me too.

OK, I'm Ready
The good news: I'm single, energetic, passionate about politics, professional, healthy enough to have joined the gym, sane enough not to live there. I have rock-solid friendships with adults and kids. I'm not on-the-rebound, in a funk or bored; I'm in a good place in my life and open to dating. The detes: 33, medium build, educated, playful, honest, trying to improve my Spanish, thinking about a summer rafting trip. Smoking, drugs, persistent alcohol are out! If your interest is piqued by this ad and you are close in age, take a chance—hey, I've never used a classified either. Reply BT Box JN7B or call ★★6905.

Let's Make Some Memories
I'm a GWF, nice, thoughtful, considerate, normal-looking, with a great sense of humor, adorable dog, seeking someone with similar attributes. I'm into tennis, drives up the coast, moonlight, romantic candlelit evenings and someone to say, "Hi honey, I'm home." If any of this sounds appealing to you, I'd love to hear from you. Please be over 30 and a "415." Thanks. Call ★★6906.

Hi. I am a 32, single WF looking for pretty WFs in their 40s to write to for a start. I'm a happy-go-lucky person, no drinking or drugs. Write to PO Box 1666, Martinez 94553.

Yes, I'm The One
Who always smiles at people on the street, enjoys my life while maintaining a realistic perspective (read non-Pollyanna) and wants to meet the women who don't respond to my smiles by glaring or looking at their shoes. I am a mixed heritage femme who seeks dark haired/eyed butch lesbian for romance & all others for friendship. Call ★★6907.

LTR
Exciting, passionate butch top, 55 and youthing, seeks playmate for hot sex, dancing at Royce's, comedy at Josie's and a lifetime of loving. 5'4", mental health professional, muscular build, athletic, NS/ND, prefers an attractive, shapely, lipstick femme on my arm. We bring to a relationship our personal growth, deep sense of commitment and a willingness to explore feelings and intimacy alongside our laughter, joy for life and spontaneity. Call ★★6908.

A Femme-Butch Reader
Me: dreadlocks, strong-silent type moody (sometimes). 27 yrs. young, construction worker/writer. Very sexual, attentive, yang, diverse, cocky, sane, Scorpio, with lots of lovin' to give. You: unique passive femme with strength, affectionate, smart, bitchy, yin, sexual, funny, opinionated, sexy, nurturing. We believe in: friends, romance, trust, communication and spontaneity. Age and race unimportant. There is beauty in all womyn. Call ★★6909.

Love Of My Life...
Are you out there? Sensitive, caring, loyal, stable, spiritual, political, recovering dyke looking for same. Enjoy the ocean, mountains, hot springs, communication, films, dining out, shopping, children (don't have any of my own except my own inner little tomboy!). Please be 35-50, NS, ND, any race or ethnic group. Call ★★6910.

One-On-One
"When a woman loves a woman it is the blood of the mothers speaking." 20-yr-old Aries looking for a LTR. Must like piercings and tattoos. The Hunger, Lydia Lunch, Diamanda Galas and Anne Rice are just a few things I can't live without. Let's talk over mochas. Call ★★6911.

Do You Believe In Love?
Lifetime partnership wanted. I am searching for the woman of my dreams. Me: self-employed, non-yuppie, bright, pretty, tall, zoftig, 38-year-old, Jewish femme; into movies, fun, intimacy, feelings, spirituality, kids, communication, walks, eating out, cooking, laughter and self-love. You need to be into: personal growth, clear communication and honesty, and some of the above. No smokes, drugs or drama. Call ★★6912.

Curious European Lesbian
I'm curious about San Francisco and California and like to have a taste of American life. I'm looking for lesbians who have fun day and night in the City and who would like to show me some other places in California. So, if you are curious about a 29 y.o. European lesbian, call ★★6913.

Semi-New To Walnut Creek
Interested in meeting someone who likes the outdoors; also dining, dancing and movies (and not necessarily all in one night!). I am an outgoing, spontaneous, career-oriented woman seeking quality friendships. And don't worry. I feel just as awkward placing this ad as you may responding to it, but don't let that stop you. Reply BT Box JN8B or call ★★6914.

Child Of The '70s
Was into "The Brady Bunch" before it was fashionable. Suspected at the age of 13 that Jodie Foster, Kristy McNicholl and I had more in common than our age (we're all 30 now). Somehow survived the '80s. Now it's the '90s and I'm interested in dating again before the year 2000. Especially attracted to bright, witty and warm women. I live in the South Bay. Call ★★6915.

Welcome To My Ad
Date seekers, are you looking for that certain butchette to make this summer special? Tax free: 5'7", 142, bl, br, 1950, hip and happening when needed. You: femme, intelligent, sense of humor, character and style, near fit, nonsmoking. Wining, dining, traveling, home remodeling and plants are causing my economic deficit. Dancing and conversation could improve my comfort index! Letters appreciated. Reply BT Box JN9B or call ★★6916.

Romance
Very pretty femme (very straight-looking), GWF, 30s, seeks same for romantic relationship. Also please be, like me, sexy, romantic, intelligent, stable, selective, sweet, sensitive, 5'2"-5'7". I am looking for a special woman with whom to share romantic moments, candlelight, slow dances, laughter, love. If this describes you, please call and tell me all about yourself. Call ★★6917.

Too Shy
In search of hopeless romantic but too shy. I enjoy outdoors, concerts, coffee and hanging out with my friends. If there's no spark between us I could be a really good friend. Call ★★6918.

Turn My Head
And my heart will follow. You are 33-48, East Bay, sensual, desirable, slender, emotionally available, intense energy that matches mine, self-assured, and great sense of humor. I am all of the above and more. Romantic, poetic & artistic 38 y.o. prof., intelligent, attractive woman looking for assertive femme who's ready to open her heart to love one more time. Call ★★6919.

I Don't Want THE GIRL
I'm not looking for THE LTR. Athletic, optimistic woman (mid-30s) open to: friends, bicycling, volleyball, WSJ analysis, intellectual foils, music sharing, art expression, reciprocity, the unexpected, two-stepping, rain watching, and fun. Please be lesbian, open to exercise & sharing of opinions/thoughts/experience, and practice a gentle way of life. Call ★★6920.

How does a 27-year-old lesbian meet women who love modern rock, philosophy, Zippy, Joe Frank, literature, surrealism, film noir, engaging conversation and intense sensuality? By placing this ad. If art and life are one and the same, then I'm part Hess, Escher, Eno and Nin. So if you are a nonsmoker, light drinker and unabashedly unique, call now. Call ★★6921.

Incantation
This affectionate, fun, loving, articulate, fat, 37, femme longs to surrender to a funny, affectionate butch. Make me laugh, make me sigh. Long kisses and a sense of humor are two of the essentials. We'll discover the rest. Call ★★6922.

Graduate Of "Our Lady Of Perpetual Indoctrination"
Attended Midwest all-girls Catholic high school and survived. Athletics kept me sane. Like to meet active 30s-40s near center on butch-femme. I'm attracted to good dancers. I hate the bar smoke, too, but put up with it. I'm funny, honest, friendly, shy, nonsmoker. Lots of interests described on my message, so check it out. Would love fun date 6/27 for parade and later dancing. Call ★★6923.

Gentle Woman
Mid-40s, attractive, wise, compassionate with myself & others, have achieved a fair amount of inner peace, love to laugh, like physical affection, music, movies, museums, dancing, poetry, dinner parties with friends. I'd enjoy meeting others who are warm-hearted, attractive, playful and peaceful inside themselves. (Prefer if you reside in SF and choose not to be around smoke and alcohol, thanks.) Call ★★6924.

Incurable Romantic
I am looking for you if you enjoy feather beds on cold wintry nights, warm summer walks along moonlit beaches, horseback riding on brisk autumn days & hikes through wildflowers in the spring. 42 y.o., attractive, sensitive, financially secure femme looking for same (35-45) to share a friendship & some dreams. Commitment not necessary—honesty a must. Not looking for women who hate men or want to look like them. Reply BT Box JN10B or call ★★6925.

I Want To "Come Out" And Play
I am 34, Jewish, long-haired and well-educated. I like the Dead, sushi, long walks and talks, drums, children, traveling, eating out, laughter, learning Spanish, Osento. I know I like women, but I am excessively shy and need some support. I seek friends for sure, more when and if more fits. You are 30ish to 40ish, smoke-, alcohol- and (mostly) drug-free, share some interests, and value friendship. Reply BT Box JN11B or call ★★6926.

Want To Save The World?
Me too. But how about starting with a date on Saturday night? I like my friends and my own company, but there's something to be said for 1-on-1, potentially romantic relationships. My idea of fun is: Ellen DeGeneres, NPR, Sound of Music, Indigo Girls, dancing, traveling and good sex. If this description and my stats (white, 31, Mt. View) sound interesting, call ★★6927.

Femmes Please Respond
Witty, handsome butch, over 40, politically progressive and more fun than a bowl of gefilte fish, seeks fab woman for movies, chat and come

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what may. It may have been said that I smoke in bed, I'll admit to smoking after dinner. Please call for coffee, tea or a trip to the ocean. Shy women invited also. Reply BT Box JN12B or call ★★6928.

Literate Leo Lesbian
Dilletante movie and restaurant critic, braced by employment and political conviction, seeks to be buoyed by self-proclaimed beauty. Object: good conversation and perhaps slowly raising white heat in bed. In any case, I smoke. Please call for chat. Call ★★6929.

Hello Out There
I'm looking for lesbians 35+ who are willing to play a silly conversation game. The game is a safe and creative way of getting to know one another; and it's fun too. So take a chance on this unusual prelude to an interesting and warm relationship. I'm 40; into music and art and staying centered. No drinking, drugging or smoking please. Call ★★6930.

30-Year-Old Goofball...
Seeks cool, open-minded (to music, food, ideas, etc.), outdoorsy, nutty and somewhat sane, 27-35-year-old woman. Main things I do: listen to music, read, have abnormal conversations, cook, and work out. If this sounds like you (or close approximation)... take a chance. Please no smokers, substance abusers, neurotics, or people who talk at others. Call ★★6931.

Wanted:
Socially mature, well-seasoned, warm-blooded, self-contained woman! Must be active, creative, attractive. Have interests and projects of her own. Enjoy nature; emotionally available; strongly affectionate; professionally accomplished; well-educated; playful with a great sense of humor. Dark hair is nice, gray hair's exciting! I am 36 years old, a Sonoma County (single) mama (of 13-year-old daughter). All of the above but blonde. Let's two-step; you lead, I follow. Call ★★6932.

This Ad Is For You
Lover or a friend. Adventurous in spirit, enjoy indoors and outdoors, camping, flea markets; very compassionate, androgynous or femme looks, non-butch. Monogamy, affectionate, not afraid of being close to someone, late-20s and 30s, no games, nights at home by candlelight or fireplace, fine champagne or a cold beer; playful yet intense; no S/M. Giving is a must, so is receiving, flexible. Hate moodiness. Where are you? I'm here, a shy Asian in her 30s, stable. Caring for someone is my number 1. Co-parenting necessary. Reply BT Box JN13B or call ★★6933.

Peninsula Romantic
Light-hearted, adventurous Peninsula lesbian looking for fun, passion & future possibilities. I'm 41, SWF, tender, open, affectionate & constantly evolving. Enjoyment of indoor & outdoor fun a must. Not into drugs or smoking, nor critters with fur. Looking for partnership—are you? Call ★★6934.

Come On Down
Surfing, boogie-boarding, hiking, biking. Enjoy the mountains and the ocean. Come visit me! I need new friends and am open to romance. Tall, 40s, friendly, Southern background with a love of laughter. Everyone answered. Let's talk. Reply BT Box JN14B or call ★★6935.

Looking
For lots of things but especially these three (the first two somewhat define the parameters of the third). (1) A country-western dance partner who would be committed to dancing weekly and maybe taking lessons and competing. (2) A woman to teach and take me windsurfing. (3) Friends: active, caring and crazy, who love to cook, chat and chill. I'm 23; born Midwest; raised East Coast. Fled to Bay Area to work, play and live. Call ★★6936.

Tonight, Let's Do Chinese
East Bay: attractive, friendly, strong character, professional Asian—mid-40s, young—would like to share laughter, dining, dancing, films, arts and travels. Definitely appreciate: GWF, 38-46 yrs. old (sorry, femmes only), be slim, professional, warm, honest, smokeless and drug-free. Contrasting cultures should be interesting—curious? What's stopping you? Call ★★6937.

How Does Your Garden Grow?
Pisces femme, passionate, long-haired, part-time artist, would like to meet Taurus butch, preferably (but not necessarily) over 45. I appeal to the romantic in you: My waters need your earth. Call ★★6938.

A Great Catch!
Passionate, sophisticated, fun, tall, attractive. Do you like to watch fireworks from the roof, dress up to go out, dress down to stay in? Are you enthusiastic about life and love? Let this native show you parts of the Bay Area you've never seen before, in ways you'll never experience them again. Have you been wondering where all the good women are? I'll show you. Respond to Boxholder, 220 Montgomery, #2518, SF 94104 or call ★★6939.

Sold Out!
If you forgot to buy your film festival tickets early—it's not too late! I have lots of tickets but no date (she sold out). Call me to see if I have any of the films you're interested in. Call ★★6940.

I Do... Do You?
Cry at movies, enjoy the scent of jasmine in moonlight, look forward to dreams, hug trees, talk to plants? Do you like to do wild and crazy things even though your body is starting to refuse to cooperate? Do you want to share some time, fresh air, a few laughs, maybe more? If you're curious, even bold, single and in the (undefined) neighborhood of 40, call ★★6941.

Want A Prince(cess) Who Will Charm You?
Late 30s lesbian with boyish good looks looking for lesbians in their mid-30s to mid-40s for dating with possibility of LTR. I'm 5'6", slender, short blondish hair, light eyes, and easygoing personality. Interested in psychology, astronomy, economics, the natural sciences, progressive politics and the arts. Enjoy movies, dining in or out, most kinds of music, dancing, reading, hiking, camping or just hanging out. Would like to meet women with similar interests, but open to exploring new interests as well. Prefer someone who is talkative, easygoing and emotionally open. If you enjoy intellectual sparring, humor, dark or light, and thrive on novelty, that would be an added plus. No smokers. Light alcohol OK. Reply BT Box JN15B or call ★★6942.

Simply Sex...
Into exploring hot, erotic play with someone new? I'm attractive, built for fun, and I seek others who are open to having sex with no strings attached. I prefer no S/M, drugs, drama; please be fit as well as attractive. So if you're looking for some fun, and not too shy, call me. Call ★★6943.

Vices OK
38 y.o. GWF, voluptuous professional ready for intense fun with new friends. I like confident, secure soft butch women for sailing, camping, slow deep kisses and weekend getaways. Vices OK. Night owls and great breasts are even better. Intelligence a must. Reply PO Box 170024, SF 94117 or call ★★6944.

derelict debutante dyke
pursues slightly soiled princess for long romantic walks to the woolworth, candlelight dinners in the safeway parking lot, and to take me trying on spandex in the k-mart fitting room or you can just spend your time window shopping under the fluorescent glow of the shopping mall in an endless pursuit of wallpaper women. PO Box 424286, SF 94142 or call ★★6945.

Kinky Sex
Or just kink. Or just sex. 40-year-old butch leatherdyke is looking for same or older to share hot, rough sex and/or help keeping my toys busy. I especially like spanking, dyke dicks, ass play and fisting—top and bottom. Please be butch, willing to switch or bottom and a nonsmoker. Don't spend anymore time fantasizing—send your name and number and I'll call. Reply BT Box JN16B or call ★★6946.

Free Personal Ad
So I thought, why not? I'm 37, professional, feminine and fit, looking for women interested in good conversation, music, outdoor activities, movies, good wine and more. We really need to get out more. Call ★★6947.

Have You Ever
Noticed the deliciousness of slightly softened ice cream? Flavor grows rounder; texture, silkier. Ripened raspberries on a bed of vanilla ice cream, softened: lovely contrasts. Unexpected juxtapositions are rich—exercising so you can relish your vices; taking humor seriously; passionately being light. Insistent delicacy. Delicious counts for a lot—the deliciousness of being read to, of wildly dancing, of straightforward, artful communication. Over 30? Imaginative tastebuds? Call ★★6948.

Soulmate, Playmate Or Sex Date
Never is too late. Me: early 30s, on the left side, on the andro/butch side, on the tall side, on the out side. We all need someone who is on our side. Into: girls in baseball hats, piercings, tattoos...strong spirits, wild ocean waves, bicycling, adventures, fighting the powers that be. More. Direction seems unknown. Don't hesitate. Call ★★6949.

To Do List #2
After the preliminaries... I like to flirt, get hot, cuddle, make love, cuddle, submit, cuddle, get fisted, cuddle, hot sex, cuddle, soft sex, cuddle, hard sex, oral sex, cuddle, anal sex. And you???

Hot cute round and fleshy femme bottom turning 50 with dark flirtatious eyes desires mature and responsible big & fleshy butch top with initiative. If you have the time and the talent, call ★★6950.

Big Gals, Big Fun, Big Summer
I'm seeking to form a social circle of big women to pass the summer with. Suggested activities: cooking too much, laughing too much, spending too much time at the beach and in bars, chasing women, nude mud wrestling to excess & making too many rude remarks about skinny people. Abandon your puny friends & run with a group of women you don't have to shrink to fit. Reply BT Box JN17B or call ★★6951.

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BISEXUAL

Married BiWM, age 29, seeks other bisexual man who is also in a primary, long-term relationship with a woman. I'm looking for conversation, friendship and possibly sex—it all depends. I'm well-educated, articulate and athletic. I am focused on my primary relationship; however, my spouse and I agree that my bisexuality needs to be expressed in its proper proportion. Your letter gets mine. Reply BT Box JN300B or call ★★6989.

3-Way Fantasy Fun
Gay-experienced, novice bi seeks M/F couple to dominate me. Let me worship your bodies, watch you, or participate as you command. Strip me, spank me, tie me up (or down), tease my hard cock til I beg for release. What will satisfy you? What's your fantasy? Safe only, imagination essential. Games/roles/verbal all pluses. At least one of you is dominant. I'm HIV-, 40s (look 30s), Caucasian, dark hair/beard/moustache. Call ★★6990.

Summer Fantasy
Tell me your fantasy. Mine is having a hot encounter with other guy & gal (bi 3-way). I am bi Asian jock, 25 y.o., gym-toned, masculine and versatile. Like to hear from you guys and gals under 35 y.o., in-shape only, please. Call ★★6991.

S/M Play On The Edge
Hot powerful intuitive experienced masculine, straight-appearing, mostly dominant but switchable WM, 43, 5'10", 195#, seeking women-men-TV/S for hot erotic power play. PO Box 1834, Fremont 94538 or call ★★6992.

Seeking Hot Guy Or Gal
Hot Italian guy, 27 y.o., 5'10", 175 lbs., healthy, great shape, really good-looking. I am looking for a handsome guy or hot girl between 27-38 y.o. for some good times, like going to clubs, movies, Giants games, quiet romantic evenings. I am a nice, down-to-earth guy looking to have some fun with really cool people, in other words, no attitude problems. Let's meet and have a good time. Please call ★★6993.

Teeth
My mouth, my teeth biting into your flesh. For some reason this turns me on to no end. I'm BiWM, 40, seeking women of all orientations, TVs and TSs, who might desire such attention. I also enjoy giving oral pleasures with or without biting. Plus I'm open to any suggested variations on this theme which you may have. No blood nor piercing of skin. Call ★★6994.

Are You Spiritual, Open-Minded, Uninhibited And Horny?
BiWM seeks friendship or relationship with bisexual females, lesbians who sometimes sleep with men, TS, TV or effeminate men. I am mature, 5'11", 244 lbs., hairy body, teddy bear type, intellectual and humorous. Looks, race, age unimportant. Attitude is! Are you into: lots of sex, nudity, conversation, music, videos, photography, spirituality, and many other interests? Let's meet, together! I will answer all. Write to: PO Box 7624, Fremont 94537-7624 or call ★★6995.

Dangerously Imaginative
Multifaceted iconoclast with fertile imagination and appreciation of humor, communication & playfulness seeks vivacious, sensitive free thinkers (especially, but not exclusively females). Explore creative friendship, possibly more, with a very romantic, feminist and culturally female-identified male, good listener & comfortable expressing emotions. Bonus points for humorists, hedonists & easygoing perfectionists! FBI record: 29, white, longish brown hair, nonsmoker, known to hike, sail, dance, massage, visit hot springs, write fiction. Call ★★6996.

Let's Rock
BiWM, 26 yrs. old, rocker with long brown hair, thin boyish body and a cute face. I love good conversation but I also love getting silly, rocking out, and dancing the night away. I'm looking to meet girls and boys under 30 who are sexy, intelligent and kinky for exciting adventures in and out of the bedroom. Reply BT Box JN301B or call ★★6997.

Suburban Siren—
Or Fremont Frump? It's all in the viewpoint. I choose to think positively. Zoftig, 54-year-old, married, non-monogamous woman-identified bisexual woman writer (mostly erotia). Former hotline volunteer, women's rap group "facilitatrice"; love people, my family, my Lhaso Apso, music, word games, spirituality, humor. Seek nonjudgmental friendship, loving, caring, nurturing—offer same. Women only please. Call ★★6998.

Fags Need Pussy, Too!
25, pierced, tattooed, scarred (professionally), cute, hung, seeks womyn, maybe couples. Call ★★6999.

Metamorphosis
BiWF looking for bi/queer friends/lover(s)/com-

Dykes To Watch Out For

panions. I am intense, passionate, articulate, easygoing, sensuous, creative, caring. My interests include: rock/blues, live performances, astrology, magick, pagan ritual, tantric sex, writing, day trips out of SF, tattoos, black leather, working out, swimming, baseball, smoking weed, long conversations, staying up all night, Sunday brunch in bed. Usually attracted to dark hair/dark eyes, musicians, artists, writers who enjoy sharing themselves. All races/genders OK. Reply BT Box JN302B or call ★★7000.

Happily married bisexual male seeks same. Please be in a working and committed relationship/marriage and be looking for friendship and support. I'm a 30something, fairly evolved, fairly attractive, successful entrepreneur who has spent a great deal of time embracing his bisexuality. I have full support from my wife, who is committed to making our marriage work and encourages my self-actualization. I'm anxious to meet other bisexual married men in similar scenarios. Your brief note gets mine. Reply BT Box JN303B or call ★★7001.

SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Classical Singers

Are you interested in rehearsing and performing with a musical, competent, experienced and personable accompanist/coach familiar with German, French, Italian vocal literature? As an experienced singer (any voice range), you should possess solid technique, knowledge of literature for your range and an ability to express yourself musically. My SF apt. or yours. Please leave name & number. Call ★★7030.

Chamber Music Player?

Pianist (GWM) and flutist (GAF) seeking string and woodwind players to join them in reading chamber music for duos, trios, quartets, etc., on Sunday afternoons in SF apt. We are advanced level players, good sightreaders, musical performers who also have fun playing. Seeking similar qualities in other musicians for playing and performing in informal "house recitals" for friends and acquaintances. Call ★★7031.

Face Facts

Certified masseuse seeks others who practice acupressure face lift or other face-neck-shoulder massage. I am interested in forming a casual group/network for facial massage. Call to discuss. Perhaps we'll decide to meet "face-to-face." Call ★★7032.

Lesbian Whitewater Kayaker

I'm looking for experienced kayakers or rafters to run rivers with. Let's run the Stanislaus, American, Trinity, Klamath or Rogue River. Let's go boating! Call ★★7033.

Gal Pals

Woman new (relatively) to Bay Area seeking friends outside workplace. Church and square-dancing not realistic forums. Looking for other women in 30s-40s with sense of humor and proportion, brains and imagination who are looking, too; politically aware great, politically intransigent not. Would love company for day trips and (finally) getting around to exploring Bay Area. I am athletic, energetic, curious and game, but isolated in Oakland. Smart-ass types especially welcome. Haven't met any yet. Call ★★7034.

Cybergenics Anyone?

Intermediate male BB, works out at Gold's in Mt. View, looking for highly motivated partner for intense AM workouts. If you're serious about putting on more muscle and willing to work hard for it, call me and let's do it! Call ★★7035.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★7036.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys). 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★7037.

Friendships

I'm 32 y.o. and I'm always waking up. I'm waking this time to the fact I haven't enough friendships in my life. I enjoy walks, bike rides, talking, laughing, camping, swimming, dancing, hugging, playing guitar, etc. If you think you'd like to talk and see if we may engage in one or more of these activities or one or more of your choice, leave me a message. Thanks. Bye. Call ★★7038.

Love To Swim?

Male swimmer seeks pool and clean swimming buddy(s). Let's go swimming! Call ★★7039.

Lesbian Widow In So. Marin

41. Lost my lover very suddenly to cancer last year. Are there any other women out there in similar circumstances? Interested in hikes, walks, talks, maybe a meal? Not up for romance, seeking friends. Your age, race, looks, personal habits unimportant. Open to spiritual investigation or not, just beginning. Maybe we can help each other on this long, hard journey. Call ★★7040.

Women Rockers!

SF all-female, non-professional party band needs singer and bass player. We do rock covers, from Gene Vincent to the Rolling Stones (no "Kumbaya"). We're looking for people who are committed but fun, and definitely not P.C. Minimal experience okay—just be passionate about rock and roll. Call ★★7041.

Exchange Massage

CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim to med. built GM. You need not be certified only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me keep centered. Massage, PO Box 14065, SF 94114.

Dreamers/Dream Workers

GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say, "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Group meets 2nd & 4th Fridays. Dreamers, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★7042.

Whitewater

Looking for gay, queer, lesbian, bi or ? whitewater boaters. Gay/queer man, experienced in rafts and inflatable kayaks, low testosterone poisoning level, has lots of straight whitewater buddies, wants to boat with other queer types for fun and fellowship. I live behind the Redwood Curtain near lots of North Coast rivers. Day trips or longer. What's your canyon list number? Write PO Box 1053, Arcata 95521 or call ★★7043.

Tennis Anyone?

38-yr-old lesbian looking for weekend tennis mate. My game is one of good form but inconsistent due to lack of practice. I love to play & would like regular practice. Noe Valley is preferred. Call & let's see if it works. Call ★★7044.

Experienced Women Wanted!

For B league softball team in San Francisco. Come out and get sweaty with us. Games are on Wednesday nights. All calls will be answered. Call ★★7045.

East Bay video & magazine collector seeking other collectors to trade and/or borrow videos and magazines. Call ★★7046.

Attention Lesbo Golfers

OK, this is one of those things you don't want to admit to your friends, but you have this thing for golfing. I'd like to think I am an average golfer, but you know how the game goes, one day you're on, the next you're not. If you have an interest, evenings/weekends available, please call. I'm cool, too, not even the nerdy type with no friends. Call ★★7047.

Women's Softball Coach Needed

Established women's B-league slowpitch softball team seeks "experienced" coach. Must be committed and ready to work with us for Wednesday night games and Sunday evening practices. Summer season practice starts July—games through October. Give us your leadership and we'll win for you! Call ★★7048.

Queer Poker Anyone?

Novice group of gay men and lesbians plays for fun and spare change. The table conversation isn't bad either. Meet every other Thursday in the Castro. Call ★★7049.

Attn: Music Lovers

Looking for persons interested in playing music (folk, rock, blues) and/or attending local concerts, especially in women's music (Mama Bears, Bodega, etc.). No heavy drug users; clean and sober preferred. East Bay a plus. Please call ★★7050.

Poker Anyone??

Mature women wanted for poker and other card games on Sunday evenings. (I work other nights.) San Francisco location... interested, call ★★7051.

TRANS

Pretty feminine bottom, Asian or other (TV a plus), sought by gentle masculine AM top, attractive, professional, 36, 5'10", 170. I'm educated, HIV-, not into scene, relationship-oriented (it's been a long time), and looking for someone similar with a kind heart. I'd like to enjoy good food, conversation, diverse interests, massage and warm companionship with someone younger, smooth, petite, slender and on the shy side. Closeted welcome. Reply 2124 Kittredge St., #131, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7020.

What's Life About?

36-yr-old transsexual thinks she knows. It's about friendships, caring and acceptance. Unlike the Marines I'm not looking for a few good men but a few good women friends to share life with. Interested? Good. Let's talk. Call ★★7021.

Novice Cross-Dresser

Hot intuitive BiWM, 40s, 5'10", 195#, enjoys playing in lingerie, seeks playmates for gender-role fantasy play. I'm pierced, tattooed & interested in bondage-S/M. As a top or bottom. I'm healthy, open, discreet, positive outlook, kinky yet sane, educated & fun to be with. And desire friends, either/or/both/and women, men, couples, TV, TS, or any combination thereof. PO Box 1834, Fremont 94538 or call ★★7022.

Stunning TS

Pre-op TS, 29 y.o., 38-26-38, blond/hazel, very passable. Classy. Old-fashioned, educated and dedicated to making her dream of becoming a complete physical woman a reality. Compassionate, understanding men are needed to help. The high cost of electrolysis, hormone therapy, the desire to have double "D" implants, and eventual surgery, makes the road tough and frustrating. Are there men out there willing to help? Call ★★7023.

Novice Cross-Dresser

BiWM, trim, healthy, tight butt, 5'6", 145, young 40s, eager to please, seeks training from knowledgeable teacher-lover-master. You're bigger, older, dom. and masculine. Maybe a couple. Looks not important, just the desire to guide me from fantasy to real life sex as a cross-dresser. I'm masculine, usually, except when a horny guy wants his pleasure. Write PO Box 190983, SF 94119 or call ★★7024.

NEW!

MESSAGES

After Sumo Basho, Saty 6/5

You asked me how I liked the match. I said I loved it. You said you lived near Eastridge. You were catching a light rail south—I directed you to the right stop. I got on my train going North, then realized I should have suggested a cup of coffee. I'm suggesting now. PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★7065.

L! L!

You answered our "Share Asian Bottom" ad on Thursday, 6/3, but you didn't leave a complete phone number. You said you were a 36 y.o. weightlifter. We're interested, so if you see this call again! Call ★★7066.

Memorial Day At Pleasuredome

I am Asian and was wearing a turquoise Polo shirt. You are white with dark hair, really cute and were wearing a black Polo shirt. We are both in our 20s. We exchanged glances in the hallway outside the backroom. I went inside the backroom for a few seconds, came back out and you were gone. Would really like to meet you. Call ★★7067.

Brown Hanky

MM—You spotted me, wearing my brown hanky, outside A Different Light bookstore on evening mid-May. You trailed me to a taqueria and then followed me around the block. I took you to my apartment and, when we were done playing, we exchanged phone numbers. I've since lost your number and don't have a way to contact you. Call me up and leave your number on my machine. —S. Reply BT Box JN700B or call ★★7068.

MEN

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box JN70B or call ★★7080.

Long Weekend J/O Sessions

I'm a straight-acting GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., balding and who's HIV-. I'm seeking another straight-acting GWM, 21 to 45, weight proportional to height or so, and who's HIV-. I want to have long weekend J/O sessions on a regular basis over your place. So, if you're seriously interested, and live from San Jose to San Francisco, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

Asking A Lot

E. Bay GWM, author & teacher, seeks another GM of creative bent as intimate friend/lover/partner. We share some of the following interests: music (esp. symphonic, choral, chamber), gardens, books, walking, faith/spirituality (I'm an Episcopalian). I'm 51, 5'7", gray-blue, close-trimmed beard; quiet, sensuous & affectionate. You're 40-60, stable, mature, accomplished, with affectionate temperament and the gift not to take yourself too seriously. Reply BT Box JN71B or call ★★7081.

Older Seeks Younger

We want what everyone else wants—mutually supportive friendship and intimacy. We're not likely to meet in bars, because we don't smoke, drink or use drugs. I'm mature, masculine, moderately hairy GWM, 6', 210, balding, sometimes dominant. You're 21-40, any race. We're affectionate, stable, have a sense of humor, and enjoy the basics: music, nature, good food, travel and more. Call ★★7082.

Hello

Asian male, sincere, professional, attractive, 35, 5'6", 130 lbs., looking for other 30- or 20-somethings. Seeking regular person who can appreciate simple things like outdoor hikes, picnics, street fairs and spaghetti dinners. I also like witty conversation, piano, cheap travel and exploring this beautiful city. Dislike the bar scene and hoping to meet personable friends through this ad. Boxholder, 3739 Balboa St., #104, SF 94121.

Handsome All-American

Looking for a partner. Very handsome 30 y.o. GWM with a laidback outlook on things. I'm 6', 160 lbs., br/br, cleanshaven, lean and muscular and am looking for a similar, attractive 28-40 y.o. who enjoys the things I do: sports/athletics, talking, good music and entertainment and being close. I'm healthy, HIV-, keep in great shape; ND/NS, but not rigid about that stuff and am interested in a relationship with the right guy. Call ★★7083.

You're 18-23 And Spiritual

I'm a 39-year-old, trim, handsome, cleanshaven blond, blue-eyed, vegetarian, white male with an exotic lifestyle seeking a long-term relationship. I have two homes and a thriving new age business three hours from SF. I'd like to share all with a younger brother, 18-23, into the New Age. You must have a good sense of humor, be HIV-, optimistic, smart, trim and good-looking. Let's meet in the Bay Area. Call ★★7084.

Blond? Redhead? Freckles? Butch Topman?

With a hairy, defined chest, HIV- romantic guy. Me: 37, blond, HIV-, great kisser, 29 waist, defined, smooth, silky white bubble butt. East Bay. Let's soak in my hot tub. Call ★★7085.

Seeking Friend/Relationship

I'm outgoing, attractive GAM, 31, 5'8", 140# and straight acting. I enjoy outdoor activities, dancing, gym, dinner out or quiet evenings at home. I'm interested in meeting a good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoker. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★7086.

Monthly Visitor to San Francisco Desires

Mature man of substance (priest, physician, professor, artist... married OK) for prudent tryst culminating in serenity of spirit and turbulence of action. I'm originally an East Coaster, bilingual, professional, earthy, free-thinking, humorous, 55. Seeking, too, a private source of erotic videos for trade (by mail OK), and bodywork (conscientious amateurs OK). I've table, tools, supplies. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Asian Fantasies

WM, late-40s, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks Asian into muscle/strength showoff or domination scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You have me feel your strength as you win in arm wrestling. Or maybe you're an Asian master needing a slave to service you from feet to armpits. Also seeking big Asian cocks. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★7087.

Silicon Valley GAM Wanted

Quiet, sensitive, caring, prof. GWM, young-looking 42, 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV-, stable & secure, looking for younger GAM to establish an open, honest, intimate relationship. Should enjoy the outdoors, travel, music & art. Looking for someone who enjoys spontaneity, walks on the beach, an evening at the theater/ballet & intimate weekends away. If you are sincere & want to share life's experiences with another & are currently free of any relationships, let's get together. Phone & photo (if possible) to M., 2667 Cropley Ave., Box 108, San Jose 95132. Discretion assured.

Yippee!! Kissing!!

Attractive, playful, GWM, 32, healthy, HIV+, nonsmoking, 140, 5'8½", intellectual bookeater, seeks fun, happiness and romance with attractive persons, 25-40, generous in spirit, working on their stuff with a sense of humor, committed to communication, that are height and weight proportioned, for dating this artistic, introspective, honest, direct, ready to date guy. I'm an active non-gym-goer who loves long walks, nice noses, music, movies & good meals. I'm hoping for heartfelt connection with chemistry to boot. Reply BT Box JN72B or call ★★7088.

Love, Trust, Fidelity, Honesty

Is what I'm looking for. I'm 32 yrs. old (look younger), 5'8", 150 lbs., Italian looking, muscular, very good-looking, healthy, HIV+, into spirituality, gym, diet, travel, small group gatherings, animals, cooking, intellectual conversations, quiet romantic evenings, etc., etc. If you find any similarity please send a photo & letter. (All photos returned.) Reply BT Box JN73B.

Heart-To-Heart

Hello. Mature law student in wheelchair with slightly challenged speech, soon to be a lawyer, also studying to be a stockbroker, seeks courageous, independent, adventurous, spiritual guy with big heart and lots of self-esteem who would like an outgoing and stimulating relationship. If your life is together and you're serious about love and true heart commitment and you're not afraid of a wheelchair or slightly challenged speech, let's meet. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★7090.

Businessman

Visiting SF four times yearly seeks Chinese/Vietnamese guy for lasting friendship. Am 44, tall, healthy, cleanshaven, easygoing & HIV-. Would love a friendship to evolve into more. I enjoy swimming., movies, stamps, anything one on one. If possible, include your phone # and photo for mine. Reply BT Box JN75B.

Now Is The Time

To meet the right person. Good-looking South Asian, East Bay, professional, 30 years old, is looking for an intelligent, attractive and dynamic Bay Area male, 24-35, for mutually supportive relationship that will lead to personal growth for both. Tolerance, patience and maturity are desired. PO Box 152, Lafayette, CA 94549 or call ★★7091.

No Pressure

Attractive, in-shape, 40ish, professional GAM in a committed long-term relationship seeks an athletic, 25-50 y.o. GWM for chuckles and an occasional roll in the hay. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs. Be helpful if you enjoy movies, theater, dining and hedonism in general. Blonds go to the front of the line. Three-ways are a possibility. Respond to PO Box 190068, SF 94119.

Go For The Gold!

Very good-looking, successful, relationship-oriented, HIV- man into spiritual and personal growth, looking for someone similar, 32-44, to share the charmed life. Have dream home, wonderful friends and family—now want the rest: someone to love, cherish, travel the world and make dreams come true. Prefer Atherton to Carmel. If similar and have the time and interest to develop a magical relationship, please write with photo (will return). Reply BT Box JN76B or call ★★7092.

Seeking Mature Asian Lover

GWM, 55, looks 45, attractive, professional, warm and caring, with various interests, enjoys a quiet lifestyle, is seeking a gay Asian male, 40 to 55, who wants a loving, long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am a nice person with a good heart, and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV-, affectionate/romantic and want to love and be loved. Reply BT Box JN77B.

Trying To Connect

With another man for intimacy, friendship and love. Musician, bodybuilder, polyglot, 6', Mediterranean, classical, 33, runner, negative, moustache, traveler, muscled, homebody, 190, hairy chest, dreamer, working out, family,

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Not An Ad Game

Are you skeptical and discredit the less than honest ad descriptions or prior experiences? No games here. Honest, direct, relationship-oriented, emotionally available GWM who values intimacy; not searching, but I know what I want from living. Stats: 6'2", 38, HIV-, NS, muscular and well-built, handsome, masculine, brn/grn; athletic and does work out 4x/wk; jogs, hikes; love the outdoors as well as music and diversity. Sensitive, romantic, caring, and nurtures my spiritual being. Seeks a GM, 30-42, HIV-, NS, who seriously works out or is athletic, is handsome, intelligent and capable of romance and intimacy for a potential friendship/relationship. Not another ad game, so sincere and honest responses call ★★7093.

A Boyfriend

A boyfriend would enrich the life of this mid-30s, HIV- professional GWM's life. Have had longish-term relationships, but have yet to find the man to create family with... and I still have hope (most of the time) that he's out there. Could he be you? Like me, you are fit, monogamous, attractive, funny, and enjoy some or all of the following: outdoors, R&B, road trips, movies, gardening, romance. Reply BT Box JN78B. It's spring and hope springs eternal.

Inarticulates Of The Heart

GBM top professional, emotionally available and seeking a mate who believes as I do in open communication, mutual respect and monogamy. Also likes sharing quality time with someone special, while looking for a future of togetherness enjoying movies, symphonies, beaches, photography, weekend getaways and exploring No. Bay communities, etc. I need a GWM who's cleanshaven, under 6 ft., 45-60 yrs. old, who enjoys being total bottom in bed and an equal partner in life. I am mid-40s, lite drinker and smoker, HIV-, 5'9", 185 lbs. Let's talk about it. Call ★★7094.

Horse Lover, Hayward

GWM, 51, 6'1", looking for friends and lifelong, monogamous, loving commitment. My interests include showing horses, waterskiing, fishing, bike riding, CW music, dancing, gym work. Your height and weight in proportion. Nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinking OK. Must be understanding, sensitive, caring. Reply JB, PO Box 3757, Hayward 94540. Safe sex only.

Handsome, Exceptional Man

Handsome, masculine, athletic, muscular, solid guy, 38, 5'10", 185#, HIV-, black hair, green eyes, moustache, educated professional. I'm emotionally and financially stable, successful, sincere and playful. Would like to meet other quality professional, attractive, masculine, HIV-GWM between 30-42, with similar interests and values for possible relationship. SF, Peninsula and South Bay men encouraged to respond. Take a chance—you won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box JN79B or call ★★7095.

I'd Enjoy Meeting

A slim, 35-50, HIV- GWM with a moustache and a sense of humor! I'm a SF resident, 40s, 6', 150 pounds with dark hair and moustache. I enjoy the Bay Area but love to travel! I hope to hear from you! Reply BT Box JN80B or call ★★7096.

Unpredictable

GAM-Am. born, 29, 5'8", 140 lbs., blk hair, brown eyes, very handsome. In a relationship, sometimes need a little spice on the side? NS, ND, LD, HIV-. You should be too. Interests: arts, theater, movies (a good classic), bicycling, dancing, ballet—just to name a few & list goes on! Photo appreciated, will receive reply first. Seeking dudes 18-40, WM/HM/AM. Reply to PO Box 6351, Concord 94520. 510/707 area.

To All The Special Daddies...

Cute, sexy, energetic, 20s GAM seeks an older, generous, giving, fatherly type GW gentleman to please and love. If you have much to offer and love to spoil a brain and beauty, I offer great companionship, loyalty, commitment and much more. We're both HIV-, attractive, educated, honest and loving. You won't be disappointed. I'm very special. Live in the South Bay. Serious only. Photo please. Letter preferred. Reply BT Box JN81B or call ★★7097.

5 O'Clock Shadow

Mess up my hair. Cultivate a friendship with this unconventional, earthy 35 y.o., 6', 155, perky, cleanshaven, handsome Italian looks. Black hair, brown eyes, hairy chest, defined swimmer's body, HIV-. I enjoy Macintosh graphics, hiking, dancing, Tai Chi, massage, touch and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, healthy, caring. Partial to: smooth, unbearded men, lean or firm, 20-35, nonsmoking. Share: grace, contagious laughter, spacious mind, tender kiss. Photo please. Reply BT Box JN82B or call ★★7098.

Planning To Stay In Bay Area

GWM hoping to find a real person who is good at balancing a versatile sexual relationship with other levels of intimacy. Me: 41, but cleanshaven/young-looking, 5'10½", 148#, smooth chest, light brown hair, HIV-, stable Bay Area career. You: similar, NS, ND, 30 to 45, enjoy music (especially classical), movies, occasional dancing/outdoor activities; uncut a plus but not important. Write w/photo to BT Box JN83B.

Let's Fuck

Handsome, masculine guy, looking for sweaty rides and creative butt pleasures. I've got a velvet hole that loves to be filled by big stud dicks. Also love to trade fucks. I'm 39, 6'3", slim, fit, 'stache, blond, hung, extra big balls, muscular butt. You be passionate, good kisser, hung, top/versatile. Beards, Black, uncut a plus. Reply... call ★★7099.

Gay WM Deaf Seeks Companionship

Me: HIV-, 36 yrs. old, look younger, NS, ND, health-conscious, like to do various activities to stay in shape. Seek companionship, with possibility of relationship. Seek the same from you. Interested? Please write me. I don't believe you will be sorry! Write to: PO Box 422411, SF 94142.

Hybrid Homosexual

I am a cute, 28-yr-old Asian/Hispanic graduate student residing in the South Bay—frequent the City. This hybrid individual enjoys eclectic interests: from Mahler's 8th to Liza Minelli. From Kids in the Hall to documentaries on KQED. You are 25-35, HIV-, cleanshaven GWM preferred but not required. Shall I be the yin to your yang? Call ★★7100.

East Bay Romantic Bottom Man

Blond, solid, tan, beautiful butt! Moustache, crew-cut, glasses, earring in right ear. Loves holding a hairy-chested man with a large sucker! I'm HIV-, relationship-oriented. Call ★★7101.

Sonoma County

Hello, I'm 51, 6'2", 190#, sort of lean and lanky, with moustache and I'm handsome. Have a strong sense of self. I enjoy hiking, outdoor things, camping, friends, talks, movies, exciting things like rafting, dancing. Don't care for opera, or fine dining (down-home type). I am a therapist. Honesty, communication, and integrity are a must. Don't use drugs, alcohol or smoke. Reply PO Box 2204, Santa Rosa 95405 or call ★★7102.

Supportive Intimacy

Intelligent, sometimes shy, sometimes witty, E. Bay, 45-year-old WGM seeks special friend. I hope for the possibility of a beginning of intimacy and sharing. I value honesty and integrity, humor, and have an interest in the arts, the outdoors and liberal politics. I am 5'11", 185 lbs., hairy and stocky. I hope to meet a topman, over 35 years old, of any race, for friendship or more. I am HIV-, emotionally available and have a lot to give. Reply BT Box JN84B or call ★★7104.

Best British Import

British GWM, age 45 (5'11", 150), attractive personality, with comments of good looks, seeks a sincere friendship leading to relationship with another GM with the same ambitions. I am open to cultural diversity, age and color of my partner. Your interests may include: art, design, music, theater, good food and community service. I have my own design and marketing business which, although small, has an established reputation helping the gay community. A partnership of talents is possible with the right man. I dislike voice mail so please leave your message and I will return the pleasure! Call ★★7105.

GWM Seeking GAM

Very good-looking, intelligent, well-educated and successful GWM, 26, 140, 5'10", seeks successful, career-oriented GAM between 23 and 30. Call ★★7106.

GW Southern Male

Very attractive, innocent, 38 y.o., seeks courageous, activist, gay attorney. I am not a good looks, racist or size queen. Character, courage, honesty, integrity are by far the most important things I scrutinize in a relationship. Reply BT Box JN85B or call ★★7107.

Excellent Sex

Erotic pleasures guaranteed for Asian—smooth, cute, fun—by exceptionally good-looking, 6', 170 lbs., brown-haired, hazel-eyed, healthy, handsome, in-shape man. Whatever happens after that is pure chance. Photo requested. 537 Jones St., #2226, SF 94102 or call ★★7108.

West Marin man (who thought he was bisexual) seeks the company of another man to about 30ish. I'm pushing 45 (in July). I'm a big man at 6'2", 250 lbs., with a moustache, hazel eyes, brown hair. I enjoy mountain biking, hiking and working out. I also enjoy the Macintosh computer. If you seek a sensitive, caring, sincere relationship and are also HIV-, write: AMS, PO Box 835, Inverness 94937-0835.

Rough Sex And Tenderness

Masculine GWM, 34, tall, fit, healthy seeks younger, smooth guy, any race (especially Asian), for erotic fun. I'm exclusively top; you're adventurous. I'm strong; you like being manhandled. I'm sensitive to your pleasures and needs; you want to explore fantasies. I can be rough and tender; you appreciate the exotic and the simple. Give me a call. I'll take it from there. (San Francisco/San Jose.) Call ★★7110.

Big Brother

He's your best friend, a guy you can hang out with, lean on at times, turn to for direction when you want it, play hard with, and trust to accept you just the way you are. Underneath your big brother's white collar exterior is a solid, butch, ex-farm boy with country/blue collar values, a regular guy, athletic, physically fit, outdoors type with a sleazy, passionate sexual imagination. Me: GWM, 5'10", 160#, br/br, 'stache, HIV-, 48. You: spirited, butch attitude, similar values, smarts, 5'8" or under, trim body, sense of humor, late-20s-30s. Moderate vices OK. Photos exchanged. Write 2440 16th St., Box 159, SF 94103 or call ★★7111.

Lust And Love

Professional 42, 5'8", 160 lbs., looking for compatible companion. Slim Asian or Latin preferred, 25-35, with a romantic streak and a sense of humor. I am originally from the Middle East area and work in high tech. PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★7112. HIV-.

T-Shirt, Blue Jeans, Baseball Cap, 4x4

I'm just your basic guy-next-door type with above average looks and intelligence. I keep in shape by working out (3+ days a week), bicycling, hiking and snowboarding when in season. Stats: 28, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, brown hair. I'm looking for a clean-cut, masculine, nonsmoking, drug-free, HIV- guy (like myself) between the age of 25-30. I'd prefer a college graduate or student who is career- and relationship-oriented. Please reply: Boxholder, PO Box 190271, SF 94119 (photo exchange requested). Thanks!

Hot Sex Only

Deep throat oral service & more for clean-cut, healthy, in-shape, attractive W men—35-48, str/bi/gay, tall, hairy chest, big arms, hands are plusses—by attractive, healthy, discreet, in-shape GW hungry oral expert guy. Hot bottom also for right man. Readily available. Let's talk. Reply BT Box JN86B or call ★★7113.

Seeking Mature Asian

Hello! I'm a handsome, 28 y.o., discreet GWM with brown hair and eyes, 5'8", 145 lbs. I wish to meet or correspond with an Asian man between the ages of 45-65. Executive-business types with black and/or gray hair and glasses are extremely attractive to me. Let's talk! Please send photo (returnable with mine) to Boxholder, PO Box 425488, SF 94142-5488.

The Only Meat I'll Eat Is Yours

40-year-old vegetarian, tall, blue-eyed, hard-bodied, hairy, HIV+, into strong coffee, snuggling, great sex, laughter, romance, Sondheim, mountain bikes, movies, volunteer work and you. Call ★★7114.

Kink Bottom Sks Top Buddy

Attr. WM, 6', 175#, beard, tatts, piercings, fit 58, deep throat, GP, HIV- (SS OK), seeks 40+ companion, any stats, intelligent, creative, sexually dominant, adventurous, anything goes! We need to be able to enjoy fulfilling one another's erotic fantasies (no limits) and share social needs. Intelligent hedonists with cultural interests! I appreciate as bottom all erotic expressions, none excluded. Call ★★7115.

Handsome Hunk

Very good-looking, muscular, 40 y.o., GWM, 5'8", 165, HIV+, moustache, hard-bodied, defined, work out regularly. Also, I'm smart, professional, social, artistic and enjoy the best in life. Looking for romantic, passionate, down-to-earth mate, well-built, great and avid sex partner, like myself, with the right priorities, creative, spark of intensity, a solid, caring approach. I'm really worth it, guaranteed. Call ★★7116.

Mature Fit Man Wanted

Your ad May 20: "Self-employed professional,

handsome, full head blond hair, etc." Wanted to answer but cannot use voice mail from where I live. I too like travel (35 countries), theater, antiques (most Japan/China), cooking, photography, keeping healthy. Retired teacher of English, History, Spanish. In your age group. NS, not much drink. 5'11", 170#. BT will forward. Reply BT Box JN87B or call ★★7117.

Suck Your Cock

Is what I do best & I love it. But I'm not getting enough! You: AM/LM/WM, under 45, weight in proportion. Me: good-looking, 48 y.o. WM, 5'6", 135#, fit & healthy. I'm told I give an awesome BJ (dentures out) and guys are coming back for more! Why not be one? No reciprocation expected. You just kick back and enjoy my warm, talented mouth! Call ★★7118.

Expecting A Miracle

GWM, 40, 5'11", 150, HIV+, in good health, seeks: "relationship-oriented" man who is between 30-42, enjoys intimate dinners, movies, outdoor activities, someone who enjoys intimacy and open communication, willingness to give and receive love, and above all a positive attitude about life, and someone who can get me to laugh. Prefer cleanshaven men who are in good shape and sexy. Call ★★7119.

Smiles For Asian

This attractive GWM (mid-40s, 5'8", 165) seeks romantic Asian who appreciates the satisfaction of being made love to. Enjoy the feeling of being embraced, and enter a world of oral delight. Let me make you smile. On a dry night, let me make you wet. On any night, let me excite you. Future possibilities? Call ★★7120.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, drk blond hair, green eyes, cleanshaven, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned): PO Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★7121.

When You Get To A Fork In The Road Take It

Me: GWM (on the outside), 49, 6'6", 178#, HIV+, healthy, fit, masculine, runner sailor lonely. You: ethnic (person of color—any color), not perfect is a plus. Us: adventurous, tender, positive, campfire, activists, spiritual, gray hair, no reservations, wet sleeping bags, mountaintops, monogamous, affectionate, bonded, visual, supportive, campfire, Hanna, Quito, L.A., Zion, Baja, art, wooden boat, old pickup, backpacks, rice & beans, cabbage & fish, typewriter, camera, Q, science, friends, flexible, creative, accepting, books, movies, growth, change, exploring, together. PO Box 70526, Oakland 94612 or call ★★7122.

Sex Ad—J/O Only

Let's explore J/O fantasies and get off together. I'm looking for J/O buddies, not perfect bodies. I'm 5'4", 125, br/bl, with a cut cock. Age and dick size are unimportant. I'm HIV- and you are too. My mind is open to unlimited possibilities when we jack off together. Your descriptive letter will get my response. Videos? Underwear? In a car? Reply: Boxholder, PO Box 640883, SF 94164-0883.

Intensely Physical Buddy Wanted

Not a lover, just a strong, tough, regular buddy into freeweight workouts, rough-house wrestling, boxing, sparring, full-body massages, mutual pain/punishment S/M trips (especially combining leather, bondage, J/O, swapping punches). The more you match my description, the better: 40, 5'8", 153#, bearded, aggressive, muscular, very hairy, average cut, hot as hell in boots and jock, self-confident. I have private gym, mats, gear, time. Call ★★7123.

Where Is My Other Half Orange?

I'm a cute Latino, 21 years old, honest, intelligent, caring, loving, and playful, seek GM, between 27-40, sharing similar qualities and interest for a long-lasting relationship (moustache +). PO Box 111632, Campbell 95011-1632. Please send a recent (not necessary) photo. Thanx! Or call ★★7124.

Oakland Midnight Rambler
Now Starting 10 PM

I am attractive, hung, love long, drawn-out jerk off and dirty talk cock worship scenes while drinking, smoking, partying with other masculine buddies at my place (share party favors 50/50). Age, size, looks unimportant for me and should be for you. Must be into mutual giving/receiving attention, talking, stroking, partying, not be shaved and not into videos. Call ★★7125.

Sit On It

While I nibble your nipples and drive you wild with desire. Later, a romantic dinner and perhaps a movie. South Asian professional, 42, hairy, passionate, looking for slim Asian for love and more. HIV-. Call ★★7126.

Seeking Absolut Dad

After losing two close friends, and having a long-distance romance not work out this year, this shy, boyish, 36 y.o. GWM is ready to take the plunge again. I'm 5'10", 120#, slim (considered sexy by some), smooth, brown hair/eyes, moustache, HIV+ (still healthy), NS/very light drinker. Been out 16 years, and not getting any younger. Various interests ranging from movies, dining out, travel (off to Japan in July), the arts, and cooking. Pragmatic, realistic, unpretentious, yet honest. Have a great sense of humor, and very affectionate. Dislike selfishness, B.S., game playing, the term "queer." My ideal dad (type) is 40 to 50 y.o., 5'10" to 6'2", salt and pepper hair/moustache, hairy chest, and a nice build. Perhaps a professional businessman/exec. (runner, bicyclist, wire rim glasses, a definite plus). He's masculine yet sensitive, stable, affectionate, nurturing, communicative, and has a sense of humor. Someone who likes cuddling, movies, a little leather, NS/light drinker, and enjoys good times. Also, understanding of my HIV+ status. I'm shy about dating again, yet willing to take the time, not rushing, with that certain man. Desirous of building a home life, and sharing life's adventures in a committed, loving relationship of support and mutual respect. So, wanna have a real date on Gay Pride weekend? You on top? (Safely of course.) Future dates? If so inclined, dad, reply with recent photo (will return). Reply BT Box JN88B.

Wanted: Latin, 35-45 Years Old

I'm looking for a man of Spanish/Mexican heritage with dark eyes, open soul, and great sense of humor. I am GWM, 42, 6'3", 195 lbs., blue eyes, with well uncut endowment. I'm HIV- & enjoy being top as much as bottom, hoping to find someone who is equally versatile and HIV-. Looking for friendship and a great kisser. Reply BT Box JN89B.

Love Is...

Fun, kind, patient. I'm looking for someone who is bright, kind, understanding, to eventually develop a relationship which means to me mutual support and fun. I've done a lot of work on emotional growth. I'm left politically, intellectual yet emotional. I'm told I'm handsome. I'm 30. Are you similar? I live in North Bay, but am open. No drugs. No sex at first. Call ★★7127.

Longtime Companion

Nice-looking GWM, 50, 5'10", 200 lbs., HIV-seeking good-looking young man, 25-38, for a longtime companion. I am college-educated, interested in spirituality and enjoy church music, classical, opera, theater and fine cuisine. Call ★★7128.

Young Black And Latino Men

Our searches are over! I am a handsome, healthy, large African-American man. Getting my education, learning to love my new-found homosexuality. I am missing someone like you. Please be 18-25, intelligent, nice body, into conversation, politics, aggressive and very sexual. I'm looking for a true love or just a good "friend." Gay Day is my 20th birthday—share it with me. Call ★★7129.

On The Lookout

Outgoing, energetic WM, 25, seeks straight-acting, active WM under 35 for dating and/or relationship. I'm 5'8", 145#, blk hair/brn eyes. My interests include dining out/outdoor activities/spending quality time hanging out with someone I care for. Call ★★7130.

Cuddly Bear Sks GAM

Me: GWM, 34, 5'7", 185 lbs., bald (br)/br, hairy chest, goatee, love to service and be ridden by 18-35 y.o. GAMs. Can just as easily be serviced and ride on top. Gaisen particularly appreciated. Call me today and ride me tonight. I love what you do for me. Reply to Boxholder, PO Box 423856, SF 94142 or call ★★7131.

Asian Seeking A Few Good Men

Looking to meet 20s-30s GWM for fun, friendship and possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Prefer honest, nurturing, physically fit, masculine, emotionally/financially stable, NS/ND men with good sense of humor. I am a professional GAM, mid-30s, 5'11", 170#, HIV-, smooth, attractive and gym-toned. Enjoy outdoors, biking, swimming, skiing, movies, theater, dining out, travel, kissing, cuddling, massage and romantic evenings. Call ★★7132.

Fun And Games

Easygoing GWM, mid-30s, 6'2", 190#, brown hair, cleanshaven, good-looking, HIV-, well-educated, East Bay programmer seeks similar nonsmoking GWM/GAM college graduate, 25-40, with a good sense of humor, for dinner, movies, music, dancing, hiking, biking, card games, travel and just having a good, all-around time! Looking for friendship and hopefully more. Call ★★7133.

Sexy Shaman

Seeks: hairy GWM, romantic, a gentle soul-man and/or hairy couples with lustful passion. Mutual worship of the male form with tongues of fire ignited by the light of the soul. Long hours of hungry kisses leading two or more hairy man-smelling bodies wrapped in a passionate embrace. Shaman is GWM, 45, HIV+, healthy, 6', 160#, brn/hzl, bearded and hot! Write w/photo & phone to BT Box JN90B or call ★★7134.

Asian Wanted

Attractive, educated GWM, 36, HIV-, seeks Asian, 20-40, for dating and potential long-term relationship. I am 5'7", 135 lbs., thinning brown hair, smooth and attracted to mature Asian men of similar or larger body type. Enjoy reading, traveling, dining out, movies, swimming, working out. Call ★★7135.

Trying My Luck

It's been a long time searching for a right guy who will treat me with honesty, romance and understanding. I'm a very cute Asian guy, 20, honest, mature, sensitive, humorous, helplessly romantic; seek GWM, 20-28, in-shape, sharing similar qualities for romantic & serious dating. Photo please PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306. Please be honest & be yourself! Thanks. Call ★★7136.

Want A Date?

Considered good-looking (cute). GWM, 34-yr-old, 5'8", 122#, brown hair, green eyes, beard, moustache. Will send photo if requested. Interests include: gardening, movies, music, pets & quiet romantic evenings at home. Not really looking for a relationship, but would like to meet new friends. But, whatever happens happens? If interested please send letter and photo. Reply BT Box JN91B or call ★★7137.

Free Massage

25 yrs. old, Asian jock, BB, strong hands, hot body will give hot oil sensual massage to real bodybuilders only please. Choice of Swedish or Shiatsu technique. Limited time only, so make your reservation ASAP. Call ★★7138.

June In San Francisco

During this heady month when all our cups are full, drink from mine and I'll drink from yours! I am 6'2", 195 lbs., 39, body sculpted by Michelangelo (at least according to a wonderful lover once upon a time). Let's cut through all the crap—finding a sex partner is easy, love is rare, and we carry on. I'd love to meet a smooth, healthy man my age or younger. HIV+ is most compatible. Let's go to the film festival, parade, a bike ride, or devour the night together under a full moon. Reply BT Box JN92B.

Home Alone?

Sensational blowjob whenever you need it. No more home alone lonely jackoffs. You're 18-35, average or muscular, cut, uncut, smooth, hairy (hairy legs/body welcome/exciting), HIV-, safe, healthy, in-shape. Any race, size. Cum, enjoy great head (dentures out). Good-looking older dad with short trim beard, salt and pepper, hung thick. No reciprocation unless desired. Box 263, 537 Jones St., SF 94102 or call ★★7139.

Not Much Into "Gay Culture"

Independent casual & easygoing, ready for more serious Partner or just friends: Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: passionate body and soul (moderate Christian), Twilight Zone, philosophy, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Buber, Christmas, Chaplin, Newhart, the Far Side, Looney Toons, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, lite cheapthrill video, Matt Ramsey, ethnic food, thriftshops, music (Nat, Orbison, Mahalia, Sade, Stansfield, jazz, etc.)... You: ?? (P.S. I'm WM, 31, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★7140.

Seeking Simple Men

Japanese 30s, 5'10", 170, HIV-, handsome. I'd like to meet GM for friendship, dating and possible relationship. I have a simple personality, also warm-hearted, caring, sincere. You are mature and know what you want from life. GWM or GJM, over 6 ft., 32-40, HIV-, educated background, no drugs, light drink (moderate) and smoke. Please send photo/letter. Let's make something happen! Serious only. Reply BT Box JN93B.

Something Completely Different

Intelligent and personable, corporate GWM, 37, 150, 5'7", s/p, brown eyes, HIV-, seeks a best friend and partner. Looking for someone who truly enjoys life, loves to laugh and still has a sense of wonder that's triggered by anything from a sunset to a symphony to a steam locomotive. Enjoy talking about the meaning of life, books and foreign movies during long walks on the beach. Sorry, I'm allergic to television. Looking for someone similar, around my own age and height, who is comfortably gay and masculine. If things click, together we'll go off into the hills, make a home, raise a couple of chocolate labs and live happily ever after. Why not? Bonus if you can teach me French, so we can go to Paris in three years. Asians a plus. Write and tell me about yourself. PO Box 191952, SF 94119-1952. Thanks.

For Sentimental Reasons

The greatest view is to look into a face that's heard it all... and understands. With all its losses, life's still what we make it. I want mine with warm hugs, kindness, caring, courage, laughter, sexy flirting, fun, and the reward of committed love. GWM, 44 y.o. (on Pride Day) professional; HIV-, 5'9", 160, blue/blond (balding), pleasant face w/trimmed beard; NS, ND, and fit; seeks same. Call ★★7141.

Here I Go...

GWM, 28 y.o., 5'10½", 170 lbs., thinning dirty blond, hazel eyes, hairy bod, cleanshaven. Seek GWM, 27-33, cleanshaven, smooth or hairy, weight proportionate to height, for relationship. Income/gym status unimportant. Not into bars/partying. Sk man who's articulate, humble, sexual, romantic, shy & healthy (NS). Weird sense of humor OK too. Can't be overly definitive, don't want to overlook the right guy. Let's just see. Call ★★7142.

To Date, Perhaps To Mate

GW professional, 6'4", 195 lbs., 49, silvered, fit, versatile bottom wants GB prof., 35 yrs.+, 5'10"+, versatile top to take the time to establish stable, honest, loving partnership. We share broad tastes and like quiet, romantic times combined with fun events out. I remain healthy HIV+. Reply BT Box JN94B or call ★★7143.

Asian 4 Play

Good-looking GAM seeks attractive, well-muscled man for long, passionate kisses, hugs and more. Me: 29, 5'9", 170 lbs. and gym-toned. You: under 40, NS, ND, like to hold and be held. Call ★★7144.

Are You

Masculine, shy, East Bay, GWM, tall, HIV-, weight proportionate to height, 40something, financially secure, 69 expert, cleanshaven, active, nice guy, and into massage? Me too. Let's get together. Reply BT Box JN95B.

Slim Chinese Or Viet. Wanted

Warmhearted GWM, youthful 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, counselor, seeks slim to skinny Asian, 20-33, for brother, boyfriend or lover. Prefer warmhearted non-smoker, who exercises some and doesn't like bars. I'm affectionate and caring. Let me buy you lunch. Friendship first. PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Husband Material

Gorgeous Latin, 5'8", 150 lbs. (muscular), 32 (look younger), NS, ND, travel, romance, pumping iron, eating well, spirituality, quality friendships/monogamous relatonship, animals, environmental issues, cuddling, looking for someone similar who is healthy, HIV+, with a positive, easygoing attitude about having a great time in life with a great catch for a husband. Call ★★7145.

Prefer Rachmaninoff To Rap?

Monogamy to multiple partners? Literature to leather? Love to lust? Wedding rings to nose rings? 28 y.o., 6', 170 lbs., handsome, HIV-, in-shape GWM who is very well-educated, professional, stable, into travel, arts, music, languages, philosophy (Renaissance man existence), wants to hear from you. Please be GWM, 22-32, honest, very romantic, optimistic, sensitive, in-shape, and willing to take time and let things happen. Call ★★7146.

The Urge To Evolve

Has led me on a search through love, art, religion, work, psychology and nature. Onward! I'm 45, 6'2", 150 lbs., smooth, attractive, intelligent, somewhat shy. If you're 40-50, hairier, good-looking, naturally masculine/muscular, outgoing, and are seeking resonance/relationship, then let's talk. Who knows? Incidentals: hiking, food/wine, HIV-, reading, gardening, NS, Zen, versatile, affectionate sex, blue collar, SF. Call ★★7147.

Short, Black & Handsome

BM, 30, 5'8", 160 lbs., attractive, dominant and romantic, obsessed in having a LTR but will settle for dating and a good blowjob. Interested in guys 18 to 25 for sensuous good times in and out of bed. You must be in good shape, cute, romantic, sense of humor and love having hot sex on a daily basis and open to all possibilities to be happy. Call ★★7148.

Seeking Asian

I'm 41, 5'9", 155, HIV-, somewhat introverted, nice-looking & half-bald, fairly muscular & athletic, analytical but sometimes romantic. A software engineer. Like films, computing, poetry, cafes, long walks, talking and touching... I'm seeking a bright GAM, probably my age or younger, who thinks independently, and is available for friendship and hopefully a relationship. If you feel you might be interested, please write describing yourself and interests. Reply BT Box JN96B.

Oral Slave

Good-looking GWM, 5'10", 160 lbs., blond/blue, 34, needs master: G/BiM, 30-50, in-shape or stocky, masc., dominant, verbal. Prefer hairy. Into emotional and physical submission. Collar, bondage, discipline. Hot mouth, deep throat, talented tongue. One time or possible long-term servitude. Call ★★7149.

Tantric Shaman

Seeking partner/student to awaken the Kundalini life force. Am older gay white man and prefer younger man of color for mutual erotic massage and spiritual healing; must be sincere, adventurous and a non-drinker. Just moved to SF—will answer all replies. Experience multiple orgasms and sensuous cleansings. Reply BT Box JN97B or call ★★7150.

HIV+ Latin Top Needed

Prefer Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio; moustache, husky or chunky, tattoos, uncut, mota are a+ with me. I'm a 31-yr-old white boy, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest and legs, 185 lbs. of cuddlemonster. Call ★★7151.

Where Are All You Fuckin' Punks?

38 y.o. skinhead punk, subversive, tattooed, wildly horny, blue eyes, 5'7", 135 lbs., HIV- I want to meet punks for safe sex activities that get them hard and sweaty. Also looking to explore social pranks and creating mischief. No racist or fascist fucks need respond. East Bay preferable. Anarchists a plus. Call ★★7152.

Do You Have AIDS?

Any other disease? Or no illness at all? Just lonely, feeling rejected, alienated, or just want a sincere friend? Age, race, sexuality has no significance. Write me. Presently incarcerated. 6'1", AIDS-free, 200 lbs., male, age 28. We're all human & at times need someone to lean on. Let's be friends. #071839, Florida State Prison, PO Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

Surprisingly 44 Seeks LTR

I'm 5'11", medium build, handsome, cleanshaven, brn/brn, HIV-, with bright sense of humor. Like CW dancing, art rock, theater, classic cars, weekend adventures, camping, movies & the gym. Seeking 25-45-year-old top, NS, HIV-. Race not important; should be trim, affectionate & romantic. Call ★★7153.

Young GAM Wanted

GWM, young 50s, professional, hairy body, HIV-, desires young GAM, 20-35, HIV-, for friendship/fun/relationship. Prefer mid-Peninsula or South Bay. ND. Light smoker/drinker OK. Write G., PO Box 60821, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7154.

Good-Looking Straight Type GWM

39, 6'1", 200, brown hair/green eyes. Not into gay life. Fun-loving, warm & sincere. Exception to what you have met. Ready to meet similar good-looking straight type without an attitude and beautiful inside. Must be emotionally mature, romantic and very nice. Friend or lover. Call ★★7155.

Scatbears Make Me Hard

Me: bearded, brn/grn, 5'7", 140#, lithe body, moderately furry, nice cock, in my 20s, good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. I'm looking for a couple of good, dirty-minded, eager-to-please scatrogues and rimdogs. You: bearded, hairy biker trash, furry mountain man, or burly bear with an appetite. Other fur-bearing critters welcomed to respond. Must have a beard and be good-looking. Age unimportant. I'm looking for bottoms, not tops or mutuals. Extra points for good kissers. Write with a photo and we'll discuss fantasies and limits. Daddy and daddy's boy, verbal abuse, other scenes possible. Reply BT Box JN98B or call ★★7156.

Good-Looking Bisexual Married Guy

Likes to play around (safe sex only) late afternoons/early evenings with other guys. Underwear fantasies, sharing videos, voyeur/exhibitionist, painless bondage & whatever else we come up with that's safe, fun, satisfying & harmless. I'm 37, 5'8", 145 lbs., gym-toned & handsome, with a great sense of humor. You must be any race, in great shape (bubble butts a plus) & comfortable with your sexuality. Other married guys welcome. Discretion assured. Reply BT Box JN99B or call ★★7157.

Deaf Love & Monogamous Relationship

GWM, 43, 170#, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, moustache, clean-cut, non-drinker, never drugs, smoke cigarettes only, honest and affectionate. Enjoy cooking, watch TV & movies, learning computer at home; travel, camping & hiking; relaxing on quiet evenings with someone; eating out with friends sometimes. Seeking GWM, 35-45 years old, hairy chest, clean-cut, honest, gentle, never drugs and light alcohol. If interested, please write me: Boxholder, PO Box 641142, SF 94164-1142.

Seeking A Lover

Gay, 27, atractivo, 5'9", 160 lbs., blanco; ojos y pelo, oscuros, masculino pero con sensibilidad. Buşcando hombre de habla Hispana sobre los treinta, atractivo, masculino y que cansado de tanta aventura pasajera, tenga ganas de comenzar una relacion sentimental seria. Que le guste compartir y divertirse con todas las cosas que nos rodean. Si estas preparado para ello, deja tu direccion o numero de telefono. Call ★★7158.

Athletic Asian

Single AM, 28, 5'7", muscular, w/a boyish look, intelligent, spontaneous, into outdoors, sports, wrestling, romantic encounters, seeks GWM/LM around my age, who is athletic, in-shape, passionate, sincere, easygoing, with a positive outlook, for friendship or romance. Let's explore the City and spend a great summer together. Call ★★7159.

Men Who Wear Glasses

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Me: people say I'm beautiful; fit, 6'3", 150 lbs., 39 yrs. old. HIV-. Brooklyn-born, 20 years in San Francisco. Many good friends, but want someone special to cook with, etc. You: my age or younger, prefer African American. HIV-. Might enjoy going out or just lying on the couch together reading newspapers. Smart, serious, but funny. Call ★★7161.

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Attr. WM, fit 57, 5'11", 170#, beard, tatts, piercings, slit dick, fantastic deep throat, HIV- (SS OK), needs absolute topman, 40+ any stats. Bondage and do your thing, no limits. Mindfuck FF, dildoes, CBTT, caths, sounds, electro, infusions, piercing, flogging, WS, VA, etc., etc. Total control, unrestricted use and abuse. Available day/night/week. Will host, can travel. Top couple OK. I'm equipt. Call ★★7162.

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SF, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? GWM 25, 5'9", 155#, dark blonde/Hzl, goatee, looking for a dark skinned man. Leave a message. ☎4996

ROOMMATE SAYS I LOOK LIKE A THUG! I don't know about that. GM 32, look 25, Br/Br, 5'7", 145#, goatee, contacts sometimes glasses, got all sorts of different interests. Sk someone with different interests, short, btm, Latino. ☎2304

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SF, SHARE SOME GOOD VIBES. GBM 30, 5'8", 160#, looking to meet guys around 23 for good times, possible relationship. ☎4979

SF, BRAINS & BRAWN. Very attractive Asian guy 27, looking for GWM 22-30, HIV-. work out daily, very intelligent, well-read, ivy-League. If you're gdlkg, have a career & are interested in meeting me, please call. ☎5010

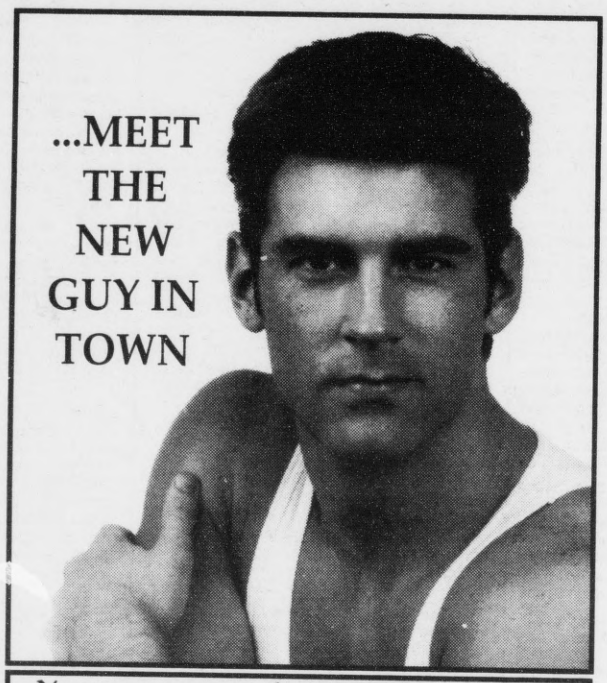
SAN LEANDRO, OPEN TO ANYTHING! GWM 21, 5'10", 175#, Br/Bl, looking for anyone 20-35 in Bay area. ☎5047

SF, MENTAL SPARING PARTNER WANTED. Gdlkg. intel. honest Filipino 24, 5'8", 165#, seeks attrac. sincere, bright Asian male 21-35 for genuine friend, pos. relationship. Like dancing, weight-lifting, volleyball, & intel. conversation. ☎2352

SF, SEEKING OTHER MUSCLE-BOUND BLACKS. GBM 32, very good physical shape, looking for other BM's into B/B, have nice muscular body. Basically tp seeking btm. If you fit the description, call me. Chow! ☎2381

SAN FRANCISCO KEEP ME OUT AS LATE AS THE COWS! Gay Asian male 19, 5'9", just like to meet any guys out there interested in going out! Any time you're ready! ☎2488

REDWOOD CITY, UP FOR A DOUBLE PLAY? GM 24, Amer., my roommate is about the same. We're looking for guys in the area to get together. Come one, come all. Bring a game of twister. ☎2589



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SF FRIENDS OR PHONE: hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, dark hair/stached, lots of interests, I'm very romantic, and sensual, seeking goodlkg slender special someone. ☎3906

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUD INTO SUN, surf and water sports, into hanging out, correspondence with young guys under 25. call for hm number, let' get busy. ☎3945

SF LITTLE BROTHER WANTED; Sincere 43 yr old, 6', 170lbs, seeks slim, asian or white guy 18-32 for sincere friendship, prefer boyish looks, non-smoker a plus, ☎3492

SF STOCKY AND SHY: new to gay life: 5'9, 160lbs, brwn hair/eyes, glasses, hairy w/moustache, seeking guy 25-35 to talk and do things with. (call for hm number and describe yourself) ☎4189

SF A SPECIAL PERSON: Hairy 5'9, 150lbs, 43, black & passionate, enjoy travel and fun nights out, ☎3643

SF NOT YET OUT: New to scene, any race ok, 25-35 seeking smooth guys in same situation. I'm clean shaven, goodlooking and professional. ☎3769

SF Telcom engineer, 5'11, fit, non-smoking, sensual guy with good sense of humor, movies, travel and trying to learn french. Prefer clean shaven under 45. ☎3532

SF ATTRACTIVE GERMAN born, dark blond, hair, Hiv +, seeking positive person, must be sincere ☎1814

SF LOOKING FOR DADDY: 23 yr old, well defined seeking older guy to teach me ☎2033

E. Oakland ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY? 220lb muscular build: 21 yr old GWM in the navy enjoy writing, reading, politics, into classic rock, good food, seeking GWM 20-25. ☎2574

San Francisco We are a gay couple, seeking a third for weekends ☎2933

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DALY CITY WM, 170lbs, looking for fun time guys, call ☎4283

SF ASIAN MALE, 5'8, 140lbs, enjoy skiing, seeking attractive WM, into friendships, waiting to hear from you, call for hm number. ☎2884

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GAM, 33 y.o., prof., 5'7", 140#, HIV-, fit & trim, outgoing, physically active, financially secure and into biking, ballet, step aerobics, cooking and "Are You Being Served?" Has been known to frequent local cafes, the beach and produce markets. Seeks attractive GWM, 25-40, who is fit, healthy and into similar interests. Call ★★7163.

This 26-year-old L.A.-grown Asian/Hispanic male is too modest to describe himself as his friend does here: Tall (5'11") and fit, this guy is unaffected in behavior, fun in bed, intelligent, cultured, traveled, quick to laugh, strikingly handsome, and, most importantly, accessible to the right person. He can appreciate the simple moments two guys can share watching skateboarders at the Embarcadero, drinking a fine wine in Sonoma, or indulging in a great meal. He's looking for companionship with an HIV+, fit, sexual, intelligent GWM between the ages of 26-40. Let's indulge in the moment of life and see if the chemistry is there... Call ★★7164.

Relationship Wanted

Fit, successful GWM, 5'9", 160, 50ish. I am: a premiere companion, HIV-, upbeat, solvent, versatile, good-looking, smart, stable and sexy. I enjoy conversation, thinking, travel, theater, family, laughing, words. You are: HIV-, NS, GWM, younger, brainy, athletic, handsome, established, humorous, versatile, masculine, independent with real values. Smooth, hung are pluses. Flakes, religious, recovering anythings and men who call themselves queer needn't respond. Full head of hair & cleanshaven only. Call ★★7165.

Massage/Friendship

Friendly, sincere, 5'10", 165#, GWM is looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 50ish professional likes the outdoors and spending quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal & trading massages; likes opera, quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You: 40+, sincere, fun-loving, race unimportant, slim to med. build, ND, NS. Exchange. PO Box 14065, SF 94114.

Romeo Seeks Romeo

Cute GWM, 34, tall, blue-eyed, transplanted East Coast artist. I'm sensitive, fun, HIV-, passionate, worldly, monogamous, sexy, non-effeminate, spontaneous, yet lonely in SF. Seek boyfriend who's somewhat similar to hold hands with at the cinema, to kiss in the rain on the roof, to push on the swings at midnight at the park. If you're out there—and I know you are—call me. We should meet. Call ★★7166.

Dad Seeking Son

Dad, 46, bald, moustache, tan, gym-buffed, seeking son to work out a variety of father-son issues and perhaps develop a strong relationship. This will involve dating and sex, dancing, beach, light B/D. No age limitations or experience expectations. Let's be bold and work this out with an adventurous attitude. Explore intimacy on sexual and spiritual levels. No age limits or unreal expectations. Let's meet soon. Call ★★7167.

Does The FF Apply To Anyone Anymore?

I'm attracted to men (like me) who aren't affected, shallow, blindly conforming, artificially shaped & scented, calculatedly hyper-masculine, inauthenticated by trendy "movements," into prole costumes & lacking awareness. The pop culture isn't pop with us. I'm a perennial quester of truth, quality and fun. If you're a hip type, too, let's commingle stat. No impersonators. Prefer 45+. R.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

No Promises

GWM, 31, 5'10", 160 lbs., brown/brown, cleanshaven, professional, HIV+. Seeking similar to ignite my desires and hold my interest. Someone who isn't looking for promises, but willing to share adventure and mystery as it unfolds before us. Yesterday is gone, today is now and tomorrow ? Call ★★7168.

Seeking Very Thin Asian

Handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 51 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke or drink, I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). I'm open to a one-night stand, casual affair or life-long commitment. Call ★★7169.

Come Share My Life

A steamy, long-term, monogamous relationship based on love, trust and the will to make it work is my biggest dream. A hot steamy average GM is what I seek. My likes are cooking, home life, cuddling, camping, music, dining, going on picnics, being a couch potato, laughing, wearing Levis, sharing, kissing and being held tight. Me: cute, romantic, a young 45, moustache, beard, 31 waist, healthy HIV+, romantic. You: an average fun-loving gay male who is honest, funny, top, hairy, 40ish, with a moustache and beard, HIV+, healthy. The sky's the limit for the man of my dreams. I would comfort you and support you and hug you when you're sad. Come share my life, my love and my charm. Call ★★7170.

Opportunity For Mature, Stable Renter Who Seeks Lifemate

Seeking calm, thoughtful man, 25-50, extra slim (no gut), hung thick 9" (or more) massive knob, who's Greek and French active. Seeking emotionally solid (but shy), affectionate, loving, giving hermit or recluse/loner tenant-type guy with warm heart —and few material possessions—who's ready to live/share comfortable flat with his chosen man. Must be nonsmoking, HIV-, totally loyal, obsessively home-centered, monogamous, into heavy physical intimacy. Me: 47, balding, cleanshaven, hairy chested, 6'3", 198 lbs., slim, small gut, greased butt. Call ★★7171.

Blue-Eyed Love To Share

On a weekend away swimming, hiking, seeing a movie, making dinner together (you can cook—I'll help) or going out and then lying by the fire listening to music, wrapped in each other's arms, talking, laughing, looking into your eyes and making love; from 40s, 5'8", fit, handsome, healthy, happy, honest, positively optimistic, romantic, boyish adventurer with younger, good-looking, romantic interested in getting and giving and exploring each other to see if our physical & emotional compatibility takes us on the path of a longer, deeper relationship. Let's look into the other's eyes and see where we spend our first weekend. Photo and reply BT Box JN100B or call ★★7172.

Black, Healthy, Horny & Hung

If you're an older man who knows what he wants, then please read on! I'm an exceptional Black guy who absolutely craves "old men" (chronologically speaking). I find that men usually between late-50s to mid-70s turn me on the most. All sizes, races & even baldness & beer bellies are welcome. Let's meet & have fun & maybe even get serious. I'm not a hustler, nor am I a phony, but I am genuine. Reply BT Box JN101B or call ★★7173.

Looking In Marin?

Me too... 30 y.o., likely HIV-/very health-conscious (though never tested), long blond/blue, 6'2", 165#, model looks, lean, defined. Looking for someone close to my age to ride rollercoasters... perhaps camping in the high mountains this summer—Tetons/Wyoming? I'm seriously metaphysical (can't stand that syrupy "opinions equal judgments" fluff...), Leo sun, Scorpio rising, Sag. moon. R U in-shape, way cute... less tall, consciously healthy? Call ★★7174.

Environmental Man Sought

GWM, handsome, 29, 6', 155, br/bl, HIV-, seeks outdoor enthusiast type boyfriend to enjoy hiking, cycling, exploring the coast (camping, flying?) and being together. You're rugged, nonsmoking, late 20s-35, tall(ish), dark-haired, definitely hairy (chest, forearms, etc.), perhaps have a full, thick, trimmed beard (!) and weight proportionate to height. I'm mostly smooth (great hairy legs) with a lean, defined build. You're also intelligent, quiet/serious-minded, sincere and willing to write a descriptive letter elaborating the above, enclosing a photograph (or reasonable facsimile). Let's go to Pt. Reyes! Reply BT Box JN102B or call ★★7175.

Relationship!

Attractive, professional, HIV+, very healthy & high energy, comfortable, assertive GWM available to share an already fulfilling life. The passions of my life (thus far) are: my home as a sanctuary, a deeply satisfying career, loving and supportive friends and family, working out at the gym, experiencing comfort in both gregarious as well as alone situations, hiking, bargain hunting, flea markets, horseback riding, theater, travel, plants, quiet evenings at home enjoying thoughtfully prepared meals in a romantic and delightful atmosphere, and appreciating the sense of spirituality and joy of being a very positive HIV+ person who continues to deeply enjoy life. Physically, I'm 5'7" tall, 155 lbs., sparkling blue eyes, curly brown hair, moustache, dimples, and frequently smile as I realize that my 50 years on this planet have blessed me with a most youthful appearance, joy, health and wonderment. If you also take good care of your health and body, are emotionally stable, consider yourself physically attractive, intellectually challenge yourself, are not HIV+ phobic, are able to give as well as receive, wanting yet not needing me, and are interested in exploring the possibilities of a wonderful man such as myself in your life, call ★★7176.

Berkeley Or SF Younger Bro Wanted

By caring WM, young for 43, 6'2", 172 lbs., trim, HIV-, blue eyes, cleanshaven. Prefer slim or skinny, nonsmoker, somewhat boyish looking guy, 18-35, any race. (Asians welcome; others too.) I work in counseling, like movies, meditation, massage, swimming, hugging, occasonal mild spanking (optional). Seek friend, possible lover. Plus if exercise some, don't like bars, not much body hair, spiritual. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121.

Seeking Lifemate

In need, as I am, of caring, honesty, companionship, intimacy, love. Mutually supportive, monogamous, non-competitive relationship essential as framework to build sharing future where trust, caring, friendship are paramount. I'm GWM, 50, 5'8", stocky, HIV-, smoker, social drinker, thinning gray hair, moustache, parent, Peninsula resident—lost lover of nine years in '91. Appear self-sufficient but hopelessly romantic needing to give/receive love/affection. Enjoy home, garden, reading, music, writing, volunteer work, outdoors, travel—all on a modest budget. My emotional/humorous/creative side predominates. Don't enjoy instability, pretentious intellectuals, insincerity. You are about 45-55, HIV-, have experienced joys/trials of total relationship and know the rewards far outweigh the work. Your physical characteristics, sexual proclivities less important than trusting/caring nature, warm heart, mature outlook, sense of humor and need to share life and love. Reply BT Box JN103B or call ★★7177.

Viva Mexico

East Bay accomplished Latino, 56 yrs. old, HIV-, professional, 5'8", 176 lbs., silver moustache, seeks another kindred spirit with intelligence, sincerity, creativity, sensuality and balls. I enjoy equal confident energy, arts & crafts, museums, good conversation, walks and sharing quiet times. Have done the one-night stands but want a friend who also wants more than a quick jump in the sack. Lite cigarettes, lite alcohol OK... no drugs. Call ★★7178.

Latest Polls Indicate

97% of guys at the gym describe me as tall, tanned, 35, very handsome and muscular (6', 170, brown/green). 98% of my friends think I'm outgoing, intelligent and successful. 99% of people I've had sex with say I'm positively, absolutely hot. Less than 1% of all guys reading this are 25-45, exceptionally attractive, well-built, brainy and interesting. You know who you are. 100% of you should call. Call ★★7179.

Healthy Bondage

Hot summer sweat and bondage. If you are 18-38 and want to experiment with bondage this summer, this 29-yr-old student wants to teach you. Lots of toys, safe, sane, secure, sexual or not. Leather, iron, rubber or ropes. Asian, white, Latin or Black. Your place or mine. No S/M or torture. You are relaxed, playful and have a serious interest in bondage. Let's play! Call ★★7180.

Looking For A Boyfriend

I'm tired of the bar scene and I'm ready to settle down with the right person. I'm a handsome, 25 y.o. GLM (Mexican/German) bottom, 6', black hair, hazel eyes, cleanshaven, pretty smooth, 200#. I'm looking for an honest, fun-loving GWM/GLM top, 23-36 y.o., who enjoys dancing, kissing, cuddling and having great sex, NS/ND please. Call me. Call ★★7181.

Affectionate SF Dad

Slim bearded GWM active 59 y.o., 5'10", would like to share intimacy, massages, conversation, friendship with an affectionate, mature, masculine guy, 40+, ND, enjoy the arts, classical music, dining, quality time in touch together. Facial hair a plus. Call ★★7182.

Young Master Sought

European, smooth, cleanshaven, 6', 165#, 30, seeks young master under 35 who knows when to play and when not to. Enjoy prolonged bondage, indoor and especially outdoor S/M, humiliation, rip strip, rape & kidnap scenes. I want to explore these in a sane, safe sex environment. Couples or groups OK, but slim, cleanshaven & full head of hair are needed to turn me on. Call and let's talk! All races welcome. Call ★★7183.

Looking For Mr. Right

Deaf, Jewish gay male, 40 years young, blue eyes, brown hair, 6', slender, moustache, masculine, nice, sincere, affectionate, honest, good-natured and humorous seeking Black and Latin gay males, 21-45, masculine and HIV-, for friendship, hot times and maybe more. If interested, please drop me a letter with phone and photo if possible to Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223. No drugs; slim only please.

Hot Passion

The warmth of the summer sun surrounds my deepest desire. A man. A craving tangled in my soul. Feel the power of a relationship between two people. Create love over coffee and between the sheets. Grasp hold of your impulse. Come, walk with me. I am an active young male living north of SF. An attractive 5'11", brown hair and eyes, HIV-. Emotion fuels the depths of motivation to be together with one another. Intimacy is in the manipulation of our hands holding each other. My arms are empty; call me and begin to feel my touch. I wait. Call ★★7184.

Classified Ad For The Now

You're functional, in your late-20s-early-30s, with a decent (not necessarily superbuffed) lean body, weight proportional to height, HIV-, bottomish, cut, quasi-intellectual, non-tobacco Cafe Flore-type gentle denizen, who desires simple pleasures with 5'8", 170 lbs., 48 y.o. Generation X-oriented stable ex-New Yorker, with warm brown eyes, goatee, balding, muscular medium build. For the future? Who knows? Call ★★7185.

What A Deal

Very handsome, intelligent, fun-loving GWM business professional, 40s, healthy, HIV+, seeks good-looking life partner who is sincere, fun, 28-38, likes to travel, work out, socialize. Me: 5'10", 160#, br/bl, small 'stache, 8" cut, versatile, Capricorn. Prefer: (not required) mature, straight-appearing, smooth, versatile, endowed, intelligent GWM, NS, healthy, HIV+, romantic, good sex. Good sex with extra time. I have the means if you are the one. Photo. Reply Boxholder, 2215R Market St., Box 128, SF 94114 or call ★★7186.

I Know You're In SF

You: GM, 35-50, dk hair, facial hair, toned/well-built, cut, HIV-, ND, NS, vegetarian, clean, intelligent, creative, spiritual, sensual, sweet but sexy, mildly aggressive bottom. Like Rawhide (lead), Jackhammer, leather/Levi, workout gear, dressing up, massage, J/O, walks, Scrabble, mornings, museums, cards. You want similar in GWM, 41, s/p, brn/bl, moustache, 5'9", 150, toned, cut, HIV-, glasses/contacts, kinda shy, top. Any combination interesting. Call ★★7187.

Hugs And Kisses Come First

Love caught us by surprise. It changed our lonely lives. We may be frightened, but hold my hand as we explore the power of love. Me: lonely, honest, shy, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., top. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, slim, bottom. Interests include music, concerts, cabaret, plays. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than a one-night stand. Call ★★7188.

This Train Still Runs

Easy on the eyes, barely 36, 6'1", 175, wants handsome, intelligent Caucasian and Asian men for fun, frolic and/or dating. I: laugh, cry, like, love, read, watch, eat, smile, exercise, drive, paint, wine, dine, touch, hold, movie, pet, watch, sense, buy, smell, listen, talk, ache, care, moan, French, Greek, kiss, come, volunteer, Seinfeld, travel, friends, educated, smart, sensual. PO Box 31893, SF 94131 or call ★★7189. Write or call.

Experienced Backpacker Wanted!

A masculine, affectionate, GWM, 25-40, is being sought for outdoor activities such as hiking, bicycling, motorcycling and especially backpacking, who is also emotionally available and open to a long-term relationship. I'm a 33-year-old GWM, brown/blue, beard, 6'2", 180, non-smoker, HIV-, stable and very affectionate. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★7190.

Nice Guy Seeks Friends, Potential Mate

Upbeat, creative, attractive, HIV- gay man, 39, seeks friendship, relationship, someone who can express love, get outside himself and inside his partner for intellectual, emotional and sensual connection, who can share both career and recreational interests, who thinks a relationship is worth some inconvenience, who is active and enjoys the outdoors. Interests in dancing, vocal music, sculpture, literature and, most importantly, plants, appreciated. Call ★★7191.

Romantic, But Slightly Cynical

I'm an affectionate and demonstrative, stable and communicative young 42-year-old, 5'10½", 160 lbs., dark brown curly hair, green eyes, trim beard, hairy. Looking for a sensitive, energetic, cuddly man who is comfortable with intimacy. I have varied interests (esp. languages, modern European culture, current events), a healthy lifestyle (natural foods, no drugs), good (sometimes crazy) sense of humor, am very oral. Call ★★7192.

GWM-29

Seeking friends in the East Bay who enjoy hiking, dancing, art museums, movies. I'm 6'2", brn hair, blue eyes, 185 lbs. Respond to: PO Box 6111, Moraga 94570.

Looking For Lifemate/Partner?

Maybe it's me. I'm attractive Italian, in-shape, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, hairy chest, nonsmoker, HIV-, clean, neat, honest, considerate, dependable, nice guy. I'd consider relocating for business-owner and be lifemate/partner. Enjoy home, reading, music, plants, board games, conversation, quiet times. Please be nonsmoker, mature, in-shape. Take a chance. There's nothing to lose. Photo appreciated. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★7193.

Smooth Asian Bottom Seeks Tops!

Chinese, 5'7½", 140 lbs., uncut, cum make my summer a hotter one. NS, ND, HIV- and safe sex. Not looking for monogamous relationship, but good friends to share mutual nude massages, hiking, dining, shows, travel and friendship. Will reply to all between ages 40-70. Thanks. Call ★★7194.

Ready For Action?

I am nice Asian, 20s, fit. Seek hunky male, white/Latino, from SF to SJ, who is fit, masculine, manly, moustache/goatee, for hot and sweaty sex. You are my man. I am your boy. You make me hug you, kiss you, suck you and then beg for penetration. Yes sir. Just do me, your way. PO Box 18053, San Jose 95158 or call ★★7195.

Non-Static/Statistics

Constant: 5'8", big brown eyes, financially secure, socially active, friended, loving, humorous, caring, traveled, varied interests, never bored, aware, close to family, cautious, life-oriented... shifting: 185, HIV+, cleanshaven, short brown hair, in SF, centered. You: someone who can appreciate the constants as well as the shifting, communicative, comfortable with physical contact... Chemistry is important, give me a try. Call ★★7196.

Boys In Boots

Pierced Asian punk seeks gnarly skins, punks and alternative types for mischief. I'm sleazy, fun and versatile and you should be too. Bang on my bones. Call ★★7197.

Mmmm And Love

Giving and sharing love is what I do best. Yes, I'm successful, good-looking, 30-45, fit (work out), healthy (NS, ND, drink occasionally, HIV-), but what's inside is even better. Optimistic, compassionate, affectionate, open, romantic, creative, sensitive, intense. Love traveling, stretching my mind and spirit, making wonderful passionate love. Has your heart heard me? If so: write, send photo (I'll return it). My arms are waiting. PO Box 1476, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★7198.

Native Americans

European professional, 30, 165#, sensitive & caring, would like to meet gay Native American males who are into their culture, history & traditions. Prefer same age or younger, but age less important than building a friendship or possibly a relationship. I am keen to learn & understand and besides, I'm really quite a nice guy with a good sense of humor. I'll answer all responses, I promise. Mitakuye oyasin. Call ★★7199.

Asian Friend 40+

Frequent visitor to SF, prof. GWM, 54, 5'5", 137, NS, ND, in good health, would like to meet GAM of similar height to build a caring friendship or relationship. I'm well-educated and enjoy sharing interests, responsibilities and happy times. Please write to PO Box 500-A115, Brea, CA 92622.

Professional—With Sense Of Humor

I'm a good-looking GWM, 35, 6', 160 lbs., professional, honest, intelligent, sensitive, thoughtful, cleanshaven, HIV-, and have a good sense of humor. I love dogs, enjoy running, cycling, exploring, movies, dinner, conversation, reading, giving and receiving massages, quiet evenings at home. I'm seeking an attractive, intelligent, warm, sensitive, cleanshaven, fit GWM or GAM with compatible interests, under 40, HIV-, NS, ND, for dating and possible long-term relationship. Call ★★7200.

Attention: Small Endowed Men

Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small. Indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530 or call ★★7201.

Looking For Sex And Friendship

GAM, 28, 5'5", 125 lbs., HIV-, handsome, boyish, gym-toned, smooth, tan, professional, stable, straightforward, very discreet, considerate, shy, quiet, romantic. Enjoy working out, sunbathing, beach, erotic massage, pillow talking, safe sex (one-on-one or group). Seek GWM/GAM with similar qualities under 32 y.o., must be gym-toned, cleanshaven, HIV-, nonsmoker, no drugs, considerate, sincere. Your photos will be appreciated and returned with mine. Reply BT Box JN104B or call ★★7202.

Kooky

I want to spend all day making out & listening to the Beat Happening. Call ★★7203.

That's The Way Love Goes

Like a moth to the flame burned by the fire, my love is blind—can't you see my desire? That's the way love goes! Yes, it's exactly how I feel about love. I'm a cute GAM, 20, honest, mature, and humorous, seeking GWM, 20-28, fit, sharing similar qualities for sexual excitements, datings and possible relationship. Interested? Write w/ photo: PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7204.

Blond Bombshell

New man in SF. Genius bimbo; dominant femmetastic longhair, 23. Famous laugh. Seeks self-developed, Jekyll/Hyde-normal/nasty nice guy to frump around by day, freak by night. I like the rough stuff, with a spoonful of sugar. Call ★★7205.

New Yorker

GWM, 36 yrs. old, 5'6", 142 lbs., HIV-, balding commercial artist from N.Y. I'm a little too wound up for that breezy attitude and pace of life in California. I miss that direct get out of my face approach I left behind in the Big Apple. Everyone here is so blase. I've come to that moment in life wanting to settle down. In that conventional fashion, meeting, dating, falling in love. All before doing the big nasty. Looking for sincere guy, possibly artistic, not all absorbed by the gay scene. If you feel similarly, send photo and note. Your picture gets mine and we'll see what happens. Welcome to all including ethnic types, Asians, Latins, etc. That's the other thing I miss about N.Y. Reply BT Box JN105B or call ★★7206.

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Pacific Heat

Brown jock with a handsome face, a gymnast's body, and a preppy look seeks adventure with a ruggedly handsome stud, any race. I am 5'7", 145, 37"c, 27"w, and ticklish. Please be my age (20s), well-defined, hot looking, and straight-acting. Sensitive nipples and tight pits a plus! I am safe and discreet, but down-to-earth. Let's have some fun! Call ★★7207.

Top Quality Handsome Italian

Looking for a special buddy or possible life partner. I'm tall, very handsome, sexy, Italian, 37 y.o., 6'1", 180#, muscular, wavy hair, brn eyes, moustached. I'm a secure professional and genuine man—passionate, strong, open-hearted. I'm HIV healthy. I'm a fun-loving adventurous 501 Levi outdoorsman guy you'd be proud with on a mountaintop or tuxedo function. I'm sexually charged, heavy hung, hot versatile/top liking tenderness, steamy kisses, human to sweaty animal sex. If you are that special buddy, 25-45 y.o., manly, handsome, athletic/muscular, well-hung, moustached, well-grounded, honest, loving and sexually wild, and desire an intimate one-on-one, man-to-man mutual support to hell-raising relationship, write w/photo (returnable) to BT Box JN106B or call ★★7208.

Friendship/Relationship

Good-looking, masculine, athletic, solid guy, financially and emotionally stable, down-to-earth, with a wide variety of interests, 6', 165 pounds, cleanshaven, HIV-, NS, ND, good body, sincere, playful, appear to be in early 40s (in fact, slightly older), honest, with sense of humor. Seeks other similar man for mutual enjoyment. Call ★★7209.

East Bay Nurturing Massage Exchange

Do you have strong, gentle, talented hands? Love to receive and give slow, deep, nurturing massages? Sensitive, communicative, thoughtful, affectionate, playful, spiritual and easygoing? If so, this tall, slim, muscular, masculine, handsome, sensual, hairy, health-conscious CMT wants to meet you. Let's soothe and nourish each other's hearts as well as our bodies. I'm into hiking, camping, biking, yoga, meditation, soothing music, movies (old & new), simple meals, holistic healing and cuddling. I'm open to friendship and love developing. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★7210.

Color And Variety Will Spice Up My Life...

'Cuz I'm tired of looking into a mirror and hearing my life story from another Yank. I want to laugh; I want to dance; I want some late nights and fun. And I'll be yours as long as you're open and honest, caring and supportive, affectionate and passionate, young and well-proportioned. I'm Euro-American, 25, 5'10", 145 and I'm looking for the beauty of your soul, not your body. Reply BT Box JN107B or call ★★7211.

Kinky Party Guy

GWM, 30s, muscular, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-plays, 3-ways or small groups, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know your scene. All replies answered. Call ★★7212.

Sex Is Great, But Starving For Love I Am

How about settling down? Black male, 47, 5'9", 165, thinning hair, dark skin, nice looking, disease free, a non-smoker, drug-free. Bad points: Scorpio, loyal, affectionate, passive bottom seeking a healthy Greek active top where monogamy is the rule. I am a one-man guy. I enjoy kissing, touching, sleeping nude. Photo please. PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7213.

Relationship-Oriented

GWM, young-acting, over 60, 5 ft. 11 in., 180 lbs., HIV-, friendly, body hair, cleanshaven. Likes classical music, theater, dining out or quiet times at home. You: 50 years plus, sense of humor, honest, responsible and sincere. Let's date first and then see if a possible long-term relationship develops. Call ★★7214.

Teddy Bear W/Heart, Mind & Muscles

I enjoy dating, but am interested in the possibility of a relationship. I'm 39, 5'9", 185, with broad shoulders, hairy chest, blue eyes, bald and bearded. I enjoy my job, daily workouts, music, photography, dancing (Pleasuredome and Rawhide) and many other things. I admire honesty, openness, laughter, risk-taking & safety, and self-esteem. Send letter/photo: PO Box 14591, SF 94114 or call ★★7215.

Near Extinction?

Where are the regular guys? Have they moved out of the City or just hiding out? I'm a GWM looking for a regular guy like myself who is masculine, unpretentious, independent, affectionate & has a sense of humor. I'm 40 y.o., HIV-, 5'8", 145, hairy chest, brn hair & eyes and considered attractive. Interests vary from movies, dining out, travel, music & working out. Interested in bonding with a GWM who is lean to average build, smooth chest, between 30 & 45, and straight-appearing. Body piercings & "queers" are a turn-off. Prefer a natural guy. Prove me wrong, that regular guys are not close to extinction, but out there & interested in meeting quality men. Write or call. Reply BT Box JN108B or call ★★7216.

It's In Your Kiss

Handsome, romantic GBM, 35, with dancer's build, short, smooth, muscular body, HIV+, seeks other sexy, handsome men for intimacy, fun, lust and romance. I love to kiss, romantic dates, hot erotic sex, enjoy life in many different ways. If you want the same, let's get together and go for a drive in the country and ? All answered. Call ★★7217.

Poet, Lover Of Dolphins...

Eternally curious, serene, youthful, hazel eyes, GWM, 58, in touch with all life forms and one who listens to ocean and heart vibrations. A dancer, musician, across the compassionate land, wishes to commune with and touch a similar youthful, playful man. I'm HIV- and one with elfin magic! I'd love to hear from you! Peace and love! Call ★★7218.

Intimate Kink

29 y.o., handsome, intelligent, bottom, sometimes top, seeking likeminded partner for a combination of sexual games and physical intimacy. Rubber, bondage, boots, S/M, exhibitionism, etc. Touching, holding, kissing, etc. Am enthusiastic bottom in bed, but otherwise headstrong. Give me a call and we can meet. Call ★★7219.

Shy, reserved, bland QAM, 5'6", 120#, seeks emotionally available, multiply pierced & tattooed romantic anarcho-feminist Satanists with knife and rosary fetish who like to watch things burn. No weirdos or Australians please. Call ★★7220.

A Life, Not A Lifestyle

Apparently, I'm either politically incorrect (because I refuse to label myself as "queer") or a deviant because I have sex with men. I always thought I was just a normal guy who works, sleeps and eats. The rest of the time, I enjoy films, dining out, football, workouts, music, TV, videos and computers. I don't enjoy bars, drugs or tobacco. So, if any of this strikes a chord, get in touch. I'm 40, 5'8", HIV-, masculine, down-to-earth, honest and have a good sense of humor. Reply BT Box JN109B or call ★★7221.

The Love Space Demands

It defines me as a warm, romantic, sensual, healthy, honest and attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., 36-yr-old GBM. It compels me to fill the void and illuminate the emptiness with the light of another. I know if I find someone who is 25-38, handsome, funny, stable, healthy, trim and sexually versatile/bottom, it will be at peace. Let's explore life together. We can travel, dance, dine, hold each other, be playful in bed, and make dreams a reality. We will be engulfed by the love space eventually, but that is the reward. Reply BT Box JN110B or call ★★7222.

Wishing

I'm attractive, successful, educated, and yet my life does not seem complete. Although up to now I have had everything I have wished for, one wish hasn't come true. Are you that star I'm wishing upon? Me: GWM, 27, HIV-, bl/gr, slim, romantic, versatile and humorous. I'm wishing for similar GWM, 25-35, mature, sensitive and wishing upon the same star. Call ★★7223.

Buddy Wanted

You: African American, Latino, Asian; very slender to defined, smooth, stable, easygoing, like kids; like FrA/P, maybe GrP. Me: GWM, 39, husky, hairy, bearded "bear" type, 5'11", 200 lbs., HIV-, shy, busy; like cuddling, kissing, FrA/P, GrA. Us: get together for friendship, good communication, safe sex, whatever develops. Relationship possible. HIV status, dick size, etc., unimportant. Prefer East Bay. Call ★★7224.

Two Seeking Third

Handsome, healthy, humorous, well-built couple, 35, 37, brown hair, blue eyes, 6 ft., 170#, seeking third, similar, dark hair a plus, NS, ND, for continual friendship, workouts, versatile safe sex, travel. All responses answered. Call ★★7225.

I'm Looking To Date A GBM

Who values getting to know someone and developing a relationship where intimate feelings are shared. I am a highly intelligent and warm Italian-Ukranian American. Current interests: psychology, multiculturalism, volleyball, walking. From my Ukranian side, I have a strong husky football player's build; from my Italian side, deep romantic eyes with dark hair and moustache. Let's talk to see what we have in common. Call ★★7226.

Modern Man With Old School Ties

Good-looking, manly, vigorous WM, 41, 6'1", 185, brown/blue, HIV-, wants similar guyfriend to 43 for fun and whatever follows. Active and outdoorsy relationship-oriented and worth getting to know. You're handsome, masculine and smart, with a mind of your own, not weak and a bidder for the admiration of the crowd. Please have a full head of hair, understand courtesy and personal responsibility and be ready to enjoy good times. Call ★★7227.

Love, Kink And Snuggles

Kinky, romantic, big dicked GWM, 38, 6', 185 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, wants to develop an equal partnership. A man to be a teammate; to share life's ups and downs; to give a hug to and get a hug from when things get scary. However, we're both independent with a life of our own. I'm masculine, successful, unpretentious, community-minded and have a great N.Y. sense of humor. I love pig sex and all-night snuggling (after a shower). If you can describe yourself in a similar manner, please reply. Call ★★7228.

Queer S/M Bottom Brats

Too perverted for the "mainstream" homo community, yet not comfortable in the Folsom/leather scene either? Know you like restraint, spanking, pain, unnecessary roughness? Handsome, sadistic top, 34, dark hair/eyes/'90s clone facial hair, couldn't care less about cop-and-cowboy drag, but am absolutely queer for valiant, pliable, service-oriented bottom boys with "alternative" looks/outlook. Novices considered; S/M tourists are sternly discouraged. Call ★★7229.

Mister Cosmopolitan

Seeks soulmate. Musts: financially independent, gentle spirit, educated, cultured, sense of humor, handsome, clean-cut, physically fit, no smoke/drugs, HIV-, under 50, any race. Pluses: like Yosemite, Napa, Blacks Beach, Paris, Bangkok, the Amazon, Habitat for Humanity, NPR, Mozart, "Phantom," "Jurassic Park," scampi, chardonnay, photography, hiking, bicycling, swimming, massage. If you've read this far, let's meet over cappucino. Call ★★7230.

Mellow Yellow Fellow

But highly energetic at 45. Masculine, youthful, altruistic Asian, 5'9", wants to meet cleanshaven, gym-toned, smooth, slender or muscular WM to develop symbiotic relationship and share eclectic experiences. We are physically active and fit, nonsmokers, communicative, affectionate and honest. Enjoy workouts, hiking, dancing, sports, cultural arts, films, PBS, home life and lovemaking. Am somewhat quiet and assertive but respectful of mutual feelings in and out of bed. Call ★★7231.

I'm Looking For A New Love

My current lover pays little attention to me outside of the occasional roll in the sheets. I deserve more. I'm 19, 5'8", 140#, blk/brn, beautiful (I mean that!), vegetarian, student, artist, seeking older/mature individual to share life with. ND/NS. Call ★★7232.

Great Guy Looking...

For another. I'm a GWM, HIV+, 39, 200#, 6'5", br/br, professional and very cute. I have most of the usual interests: music, art, travel and very into the outdoors. Sexually open to all scenes. Call me. Call ★★7233.

Friendship, Anyone?

Chubby GWM, 32, 6'2", red hair, blue eyes, in search of friends, 28-40, to spend free time together. Sex not required. Mutual interests? Mine include film, music (most kinds), theater, cooking/eating good food, books, walks, talks. Articulate, well-traveled a plus. All races, sizes, shapes welcome. (Asians especially so.) Light smoke/drink OK. All responses will be answered. Let's try it! Call or write. Reply BT Box JN111B or call ★★7234.

Mr. Nice Guy

GWM, 5'9", 200 lbs., 48, moustache, s/p hair, hairy chest, nonbear. Looking for another "nice guy." We are educated, employed, HIV- and have varied interests. Mine include opera (not an opera queen), travel, picnics, old movies, cooking. You are hairy, like sensuous nipple play, a great kisser, not a gym freak, independent, spiritual, and prefer quality time at home. Call ★★7235.

Sex 101

GAM college student seeks GWM partner for in-depth study of male sexual response. My bio: 29, 5'11", 145 lbs., lean, smooth, attractive. Well-rounded individual w/varied interests who's articulate, easygoing, slightly quirky. Willing to commute for research (live & work in Fremont area). Your prereq: 25-40, naturally masculine, tall, hairy, height-weight proportioned. Must occasionally like red meat, wearing boots, driving over 55 mph. Should be humorous, affectionate, easygoing (esp. about tight schedules). Interested applicants write (photo a+, returned) to Boxholder, PO Box 451, Mt. Eden, CA 94557-0451 or call ★★7236. Preliminary research may lead to long-term study.

A Southern Gentleman

Kind, witty, cute, 43 yrs. old, brown/blue, 5'11". Moderate exercise, smoke, drink. No other drugs. HIV-. I love friends, beach, clean fun. Favorite pastime: cuddling with my boyfriend. Appreciate sincerity, intelligence, growth, monogamy, and stability. Sexual attraction a must. Call ★★7237.

Catch Of The Day

Teddy bear type seeks slender Asian/PI for candlelit dinners, beach weekends, movies, massage, possible long-term relationship. I'm 42, not bad looking, unconventional, affectionate, romantic (a great kisser), considered interesting. You are 30ish, bright, not bad to look at, tobacco/drug/game-free, and doing something with your life. Call ★★7238.

Man-To-Man

Physically fit, emotionally stable, down-to-earth, good-looking, young-spirited, 40ish gay male would like to meet a good-looking, clean-cut, masculine guy to do fun things with: movies, theater, dinner, tennis, work out, run, travel, spend the night (no particular order). I: 6 feet, 170 pounds, work out, HIV-, NS, ND, gym body, seek good friend and relationship—one in the same. You? Call ★★7239.

A Well-Furnished Mind

And cheerful outlook turn me on faster than anything (except maybe my nipples) and will last longer than a gorgeous face and form. Professional GWM, 40s, seeks slightly younger, but over 30, buddy/mate, educated, conversational, creative, libidinous. I'm 40s, blond, 5'9", 160, HIV+, smoker, very oral, great kisser. We both have common sense, good jobs, value home, friends, upscale lifestyle. Both great catches. Let's pillow talk. Call ★★7240.

Companions?

I'm a GWM, 38, 6'2", 200#, br/red, HIV+, professional and I'd like to meet a guy around my age or younger who believes in friendship first—but with some fun. Many interests: travel, music, food, the outdoors. Extra points for short hair, balds or shaved heads. Call ★★7241.

Curious Couple

GAM, 26, 5'6", 135# and GWM, 29, 5'6", 145#, would like to meet other young guys for safe, hot, sexual adventures! We are considered good-looking, versatile, in good shape, and like to laugh and have fun. If you share our sense of humor, explorative nature, and are around our age, then get in touch! Reply BT Box JN112B or call ★★7242.

I Can Take it All

Nice round tight bubble butt wants to get pumped all night long. Me: 26, 5'10", 175 lbs., muscular body. Call ★★7243.

3 Bears

Papa Bear, 48, 5'10", 210 lbs., GWM, S/P hair, moustache, hairy chest, looking for two other HIV- teddy bears for fun threesome. Turn-ons include hairy bodies, facial-hair, nipple play, kissing, cuddling, nice guy personalities. No pierced parts or S/M. The plan: two of us meet. If the sex works, I'll get the threesome together. Couples, bear cubs encouraged to reply. Call ★★7244.

Average Faces Fascinate Me

You are not going to have my baby, so why would I care how you look? Black male, 47, 5'9", 165, nice-looking, well read, great conversationalist, good bed partner, disease free, dark skin, friendly, thinning hair seeks white male, 40-58, for serious relationship. A photo would appeal to me, a good letter too. Let's meet, talk, date. PO Box 28283, Oakland 94604 or call ★★7245.

Bare Feet

Muscular GWM, late 30s, into bare feet, seeks other(s) into same. If this is your scene (or you might be interested in trying it) call and let's talk. 3-ways OK, too. Call ★★7246.

Straight Up

Seeking real thing, no substitutions. GAM, 24, 5'9", 160 lbs., collegiate, HIV-, too sexy, seeks GWM under 35 to develop long-term relationship. PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★7247.

My Friend Needs A Date

He's a wonderful, handsome, HIV-, nice guy. Looks and acts 35-36, shy but hear he's incredible in bed. Not into bars and doesn't meet guys at work or gym. He's: Pisces (creative, romantic, spiritual), Cancer moon (sweet, sensitive homeboy) and Scorpio rising (passionate, intense). His home has three fireplaces, four decks, great views! Great guy! A real catch! Never stays single long, so write quick, with picture. PO Box 1752, Capitola 95010 or call ★★7248.

Novice Cross-Dresser

BiWM, trim, healthy, tight butt, 5'6", 145, young 40s, eager to please, seeks training from knowledgeable teacher-lover-master. You're bigger, older, dom. and masculine. Maybe a couple. Looks not important, just the desire to guide me from fantasy to real life sex as a cross-dresser. I'm masculine, usually, except when a horny guy wants his pleasure. Write PO Box 190983, SF 94119 or call ★★7249.

If You're Afraid Of An HIV+ Person, Do Not Read This Ad!

Now that most readers have moved on to the next ad, I can start my ad for those that may be interested. I'm a 42 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 165-170#, flat-top red hair, blue eyes, glasses, smooth body, cleanshaven, 6¼" cut, healthy, positive, bottom, romantic, light smoker, light drinker, no drugs. I enjoy nudity, beach, movies, cuddling, kissing, quiet times at home, cooking, outdoors, etc. Anyone still reading? I'm seeking a mature minded, white, Asian, American Indian, Latino, between 27 and 38, height/weight thin/proportional, positive/negative: top/versatile, cut/uncut, hung or not, romantic, cleanshaven (moustache OK), smooth body (little hair OK), looking for love/romance or just sex. If you're still reading and are intersted, write (with picture if possible, returnable) or call. Reply BT Box JN113B or call ★★7250.

Interested In Dating?

This Berkeley professional wants to meet you for evening and weekend hangouts. We can do movies, sports, dinner, karaoke, or we can just be mellow. Me: GAM, 25, 5'10", 145, Cal graduate. I may be reserved at first, I can warm up if the chemistry is right. You: sweet, under 35, attitude and addiction-free, cleanshaven, HIV-, friendship/relationship-oriented, have sound mind and body. Call ★★7251.

I'm A First Timer

Help me live my fantasy. Youthful, slim, straight married man, 37, would like to be part of a 3-or-more men's orgy. I've never been anywhere near a man's body except my own. Open to almost anything safe. Late afternoon, weekday meetings in Marin County are best. Have you ever had a virgin? PO Box 150412, San Rafael 94915 or call ★★7252.

Slow Dance For Two

To slow things down, write a letter demonstrating some of your humor and intelligence, and please include a recent photo. I want to meet a few good men for a possible pair off in monogamy, communicating and caring. Prefer sexual flexibility as that, in my mind, can be an avenue to deep (no pun intended) communion. Me, well, sometimes I'm not certain whether glances I get are because I'm so cute or so tall (6'6"). Besides wanting the most gorgeous tall man on the planet, I'd like to share my love of classical music (my work), or at least be with someone who embraces that and has an artistic interest of his own. Stats: med. build; very young 47; some gym tone (and workin' on more); blnd/blue eyes; HIV-; very light, unobtrusive smoker; no drugs; light alcohol. I also enjoy hiking/camping, photography, jazz, a little country swing dancin'. And although I'm especially attracted to Asians and Italians, the right man won't necessarily be either. It's the total person that counts for me. Address on voicemail. Boxholder, PO Box 26463, SF 94126-6463 or call ★★7253.

Stimulation & Experimentation

Exceptional mercurial Gemini (5'10", 170, 30s), physically fit with lotsa passion, masculinity and Mediterranean good looks; seeks fair skinned and smooth, fit, taller types, in their 20s to early-30s for regular intellectual and physical stimulation & experimentation of all kinds. Someone who doesn't take life too seriously, and who is confident in himself and his masculinity. No clinging please. Consider the possibilities and take a chance. Call ★★7254.

Peter Pan Seeks Boyfriend

22 y.o. GWM, 5'7", 145#, br/br, cute, nice build, HIV-, college student, seeks 18-30 y.o., similar for serious fairy (pun intended) tale romance. I'm 22 intellectually, emotionally, but my hobbies are still a little boy's (sci fi, video games, the outdoors) because "growing up" is stupid. I like music (Erasure/Madonna/DM/Abba/Bach/new age), films (Kurosawa), dancing, cuddling. Tinkerbell didn't want to get serious, Wendy dumped me for Tiger Lily, and Captain Hook was too kinky. I want a boy not afraid to open up and fall in love. But if you just want my pixie dust, don't bother responding. Call ★★7255.

Chocolate Teddy Bear

GBM, bearded, hairy bear, 6', 240 lbs., HIV-, seeks GM (any race) for summer (beyond?) fun. Must have facial hair (moustache only is OK) and/or body hair, under age 45, nonsmoker/drug-user, light or non-drinker, sexually versatile, affectionate. Call or write: Boxholder, PO Box 19076, SF 94119-1076 or call ★★7256.

Let's Go

Attractive, 38 y.o. WM would like companion for outdoor exploration. Enjoy Marin day hikes, GG Park bicycling, Yosemite, skiing, Tahoe, Anza-Borego, Mendocino, hot springs, eclipses, Theatre Rhino, the Dead, Simpsons, politics. I'm 6', 155 lbs., br/bl, HIV-, health care worker, excellent cook/love to dine out. Somewhat biting sense of humor. Prefer someone under 45 y.o., weight proportionate and masculine. No piercings, cockrings, poppers, Republicans please. Tell me about yourself. Call ★★7257.

Asian Cub

North American brown bear seeks panda cub. Big brother type (40, interesting, successful, affectionate, not bad-looking) wants to meet slender Asian, 30s. Must be bright, serious, adventurous, smoke- and drug-free, HIV-. Fun, dates and serious stuff are all possible. To learn more: Call ★★7258.

Angels Passing

In the silence between our conversations. How will we know love? Beyond the pleasures of body passion. I dream of you and you of me. Explorations of the mind and heart. Eyes reflect the knowledge. Reaching out to touch and to be touched again. Seeking slim, dark-haired or golden-haired, sweet-looking man to share this journey. No smoking, drinking, drugs. PO Box 14022, SF 94114 or call ★★7259.

North Bay Adventures
Responsible, fun-loving WM, 39, 6', 245#, NS, HIV-, with strong sense of reality and greater sense of the ironic, seeks likeminded WMs who love to laugh, for fun, games, long wet kisses that last a week or so, and much more. PO Box 269, Mill Valley 94942 or call ★★7260.

Ofybrnedi Enawdt!!
Is that so much to ask? I'm a 26 y.o. Asian guy (5'7", 135 lbs.) and have devoted my summer to finding the answer. Can you help? If you're of the goofy human race (any variety), 21-35, funny and hilarious, you may hold the answer. Let's hang out and have fun. Bye. Until later. I can hardly wait! Call ★★7261.

Wanna Date For The Parade?
This 40-year-old, hot, handsome, tall, hard-bodied, blue-eyed, deep-voiced, HIV+, out-of-towner bottom man is looking for a date for the parade. Wanna make it a hot time to remember? I'm a phone call away. Tell me about yourself and your expectations. I'll bet we can surpass even your wildest! Call ★★7262.

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To quality young guy (under 29)—support, exotic travel, massage, brotherhood and more. I'm successful, professional, masculine, healthy, happy, attractive, 40something, brown, blue. Live here by beach and SF. Enjoy running, swimming, hiking, films, good conversation and food, travel, affection, loyalty. Buffed, student, artist, shy, leftist, activist, Asian or Latino a plus but everyone welcome. Don't miss opportunity. Photo helps. Discreet. PO Box 1694, Santa Cruz 95061 or call ★★7263.

High Frequency Type
Not a fanatic, quests grounded younger male. 37, 5'10", 150, brown hair and eyes, stabilized, decent looks, unconventional, professional, career-oriented, unorthodox intelligence, capable of most scenes. Basically art obsessed. Do you like older guys? Send letter/photo to Boxholder, #81, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★7264.

Unlike Other Ads
You'll probably be very pleasantly surprised if you answer this one. I'm 29, HIV-, professional, Asian American with a gym-toned physique. While beauty is subjective, everyone I've encountered will agree my looks are definitely well above average, some think I'm Eurasian. More importantly, I'm intelligent, caring, romantic and fun to be with. I'm not placing this ad because I have difficulty meeting men, but I don't care much for the club scene or the attitude and smoke that go with it. I hope to meet attractive sincere guys (21-33) for friendship and more. Call ★★7265.

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Smooth, HIV+ Men Of Color?
GWM, 38, dark brown hair, moustache, nice blue eyes, nice smile seeks HIV+ smoothies. I'm stocky, very hairy, hung, called handsome. A

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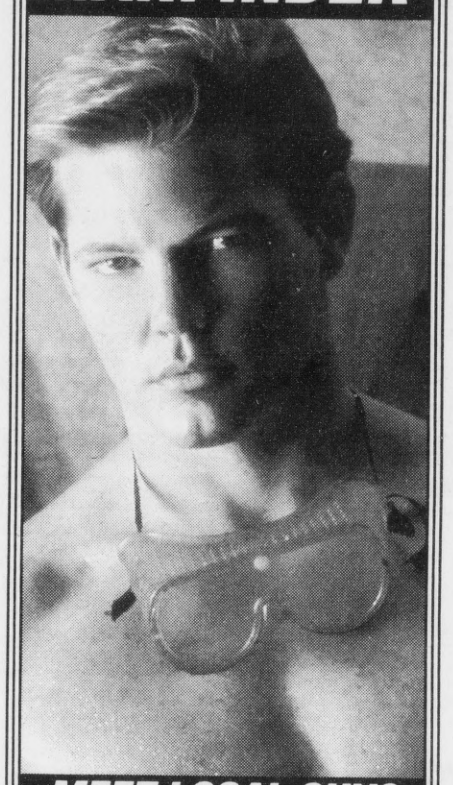

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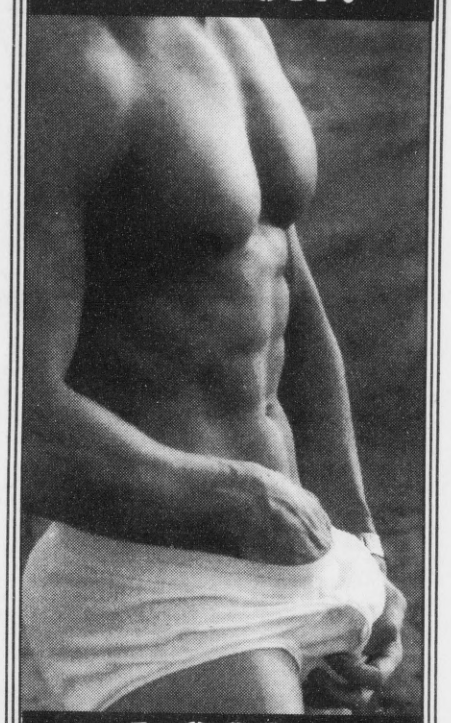

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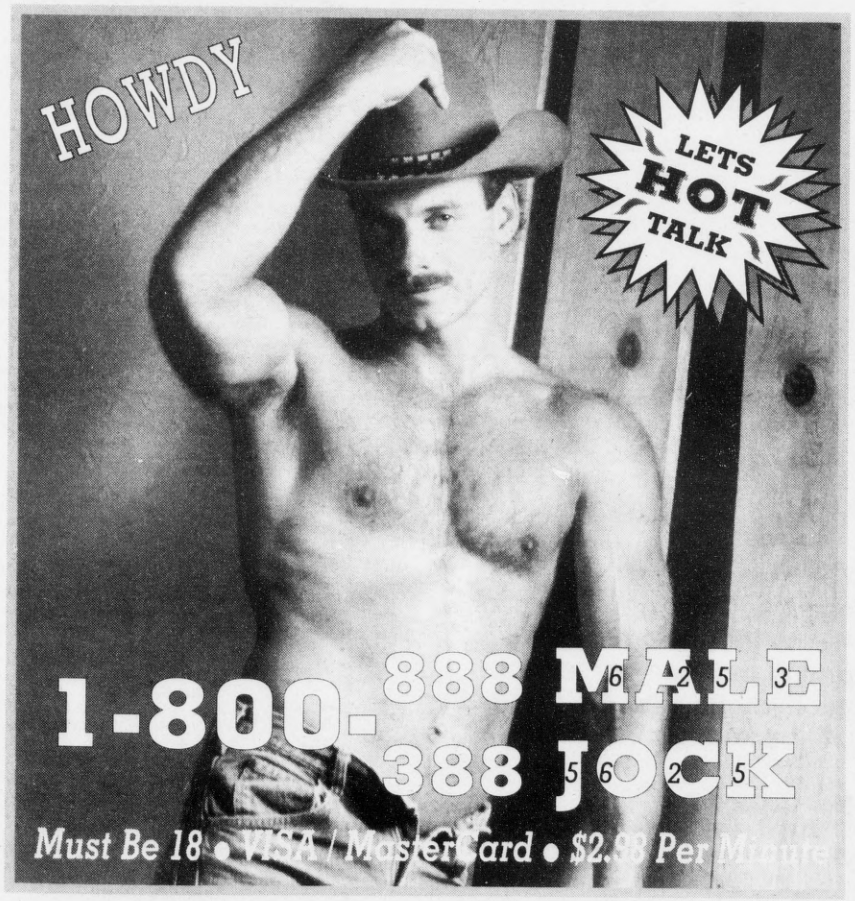

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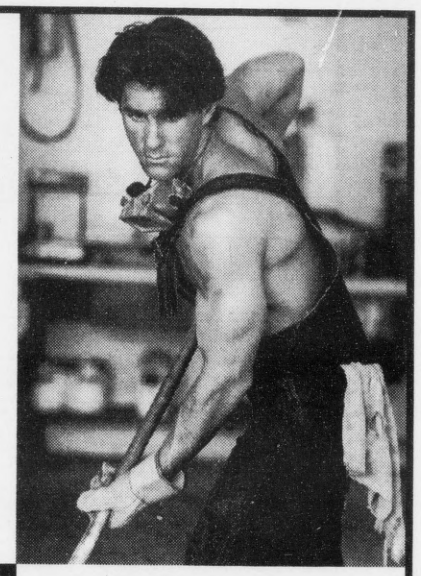

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Not-your-average 42-year-old WM wants guy for occasional (romantic?) sleepover and/or regular lusty sex. LTR not the objective, but not ruled out. Prefer unconventional guys in look & outlook. Attitude more important than looks, but I'm not without preferences. Most attracted to guys in their 30s. Progressive-thinking & adventurous men in their 40s are also great. Mature 20somethings considered favorably. I melt at the sight of hairy legs and a hairy chest. Not into pretentious, self-absorbed trend-mongers. I'm smart, articulate and have a biting (sometimes vicious) sense of humor. A radical activist, but you don't have to be. Light smoker. Light drinker. 5'8", 165#, brown hair, green eyes, body piercings, tattoos, small yummy cock. Into sex clubs, parks and alleys more than clubs. Healthy HIV+. I suck great cock, love getting fucked. Into WS with the right guy. Open to much more. Tender to rough with an in-control guy. Call or write. Photo encouraged but not necessary. Reply BT Box JN114B or call ★★7268.

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If affectionate domination is your desire, here's submissive WM with whom to conspire, one who's handsome older hairy thin & tall, who will try to be at your beck & call, for body worship & wanking oral delights, even spanking. So if this appeals to you, whatever your age, give me a call to set the stage for a mutual banking of the fierce fires of lust, a poetic summation of our ideals, I trust. Call ★★7269.

My Man

Oh my man I love you so, you'll never know, when I take you in my arms... (can't remember the rest). But my man is a top, 25-45, good-looking, quietly dominating, definitely muscular. Me: bottom, muscular, masculine, imaginative, first rate writer, 41, 5'10", 170. But whoever my man is, I am his forevermore. Call ★★7270.

More Than A Mouth

Like relationships? Add 2 points. Add for 30-40, attractive, intelligent, eclectic, tall, professional, understated. Add for basically "straight"-appearing, but subtract big for thinking like you're straight. What do you get? Well, me... and I'm looking for someone else that also hits a few of these points. I like most of the standard stuff, except hanging around bars (oh yeah, and most popular culture); need to meet more people so here I (sort of) am. Potential? Please call. Thanks. Call ★★7271.

East Bay Asians/Latins

Any East Bay Asians, Latins, Italian olive-skinned guys out there who are: HIV+, bottom, smooth (smooth legs a plus), good-looking, passionate, wanting a dominant topman? I'm white, 38, very much a top, hairy and well-hung. Let's meet, stay inside, create a really hot encounter! Masculine nonsmoker preferred. Call ★★7272.

Gay Family Values

Handsome GWM, 35, 5'8", 175 lbs., Italian, HIV-, sincere, nonpretentious, caring, affectionate professional. I work out 4 days a week. Seeking GWM, 29-40, with similar qualities. I enjoy movies, dining, entertaining, hiking, walks on beach, travel and cuddling together. I am a gay father, co-parenting with a friend a wonderful toddler. Looking for friendship, possible relationship. Send photos (will return). Reply BT Box JN115B or call ★★7273.

Getting Better Every Day

Very handsome, 6'2", SF GWM, brown hair/eyes, 36, professional. Not tired of bars; not tired of "scenes"; not really tired of anything. But I would like to meet men 28-35 who enjoy discussions ranging from frivolous to profound, politics to professional sports, Madonna to Roberta Achtenberg. I enjoy dining, weekends at the River, movies and just hangin' out. Intellectual with bizarre eruptions of sick humor. Drop me a line, send a picture. Reply BT Box JN116B.

In Real Life

In real life people say one thing and then they do another. In real life they will break the tender heart of an innocent lover now and then, no big surprise, it happens all the time in real life. So maybe I'm living in a fantasy world but I still believe that somewhere out there lives a man who has been looking for me as long as I have been looking for him. I am an attractive, versatile, Hispanic man, 5'6", 130 lbs. I am asymptomatic HIV+, physically, emotionally and financially stable, 36 years young. My friends all ask me how I have managed to stay single for so long? Well, I've had very many offers and I've kissed a lot of frogs hoping they'd become my Prince Charming. Finally I realized that I am my own Prince Charming. I neither need nor want anyone to sweep me off my feet and carry me off to their castle in the sky. I have my own castle and kingdom now and am looking for someone to share that with. My prince is African American, between 25-45 y.o., masculine yet versatile, strong, stable and independent, but willing and able to establish and maintain a loving, caring and committed relationship. Come share my life, my love, my body and soul. Reply BT Box JN117B or call ★★7274.

Clean-Cut

I'm 50-yr-old Eurasian, HIV+, good-looking, healthy, responsible. Looking for clean-cut gentleman, 35-55, responsible, energetic, no facial hair, who likes dining, evenings out, friends & travel. Call ★★7275.

Respond Now

If you are the type of person who reads these ads but never calls, you are the one I want to talk with. I'm 6', 200 lbs., 30 yrs. old, thick beard, fun & responsible. Looking for a husky man who not only knows the definition of monogamy, but believes in it too. Any race. Call ★★7276.

Hey Look Over Here!!!

Extremely good-looking, professional, GWM, HIV–, 32, 6 ft., 165 pounds, muscular, gym-toned, brown/green. Bright, sensitive, sarcastic, and honest. Often easygoing yet frequently intense. I'm looking to date (with the possibility of a relationship) other very handsome, in-shape, bright, adventuresome, romantic GWM (25-35) who enjoy life, live passionately, care about the world they live in and, of course, love sex. Call ★★7277.

Let's Be Friends

First. Busy 33 y.o. GWM, tall, energetic, HIV-, iconoclastic, seeks friends. I like most fun things and also alternative arts, especially experimental media art. I don't drink or go to bars and would be put off by smoking or drugs. I work out and keep in reasonably good shape. Taking care of myself is important, but friends are part of that. Sex is a possibility. Call ★★7278.

HIV+, Healthy, Happy

Caring, sensitive, big-hearted, affectionate, romantic, attractive, etc. Is there anyone else out there with these qualities? I'm looking for friendship #1. I'm finding it difficult finding this in the City. It's always been hard for me to get past the sex. I'm new to area. I like to bowl, going to movies, weekend getaways & just spending quality times with someone. Let's get together! Call ★★7279.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship

Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box JN118B with a photo or call ★★7280.

New In Town

SF is too generous a feast for this East Coast transplant to indulge in alone. Attractive, youthful 42, 6 ft., 170 lbs., blue/brown, HIV-, interested in men to date w/boyfriend potential, late-20s to early-40s. I enjoy running, cycling & exploring the City and Bay Area. A passionate soul at heart with a placid exterior. Used to be into politics, but lately mellowing out. Preference for all-American boy types. Reply BT Box JN119B or call ★★7281.

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Hard-working, pushing 40, and not serious about labels. I am serious about things that matter, but nothing's above laughing at. I'm 38, 5'11", 180#, redbearded, blue-eyed, seeking ongoing relationship, perhaps leading to commitment (not monogamy). I prefer men who are sober, smoke-free, spiritual, hedonistic, sexually versatile (like myself), but also furry, over 40, handy and practical. Special preference (how un-P.C.!) for Catholics, cat-owners and the dermographically enhanced. Send letter & photo to BT Box JN120B or call ★★7282.

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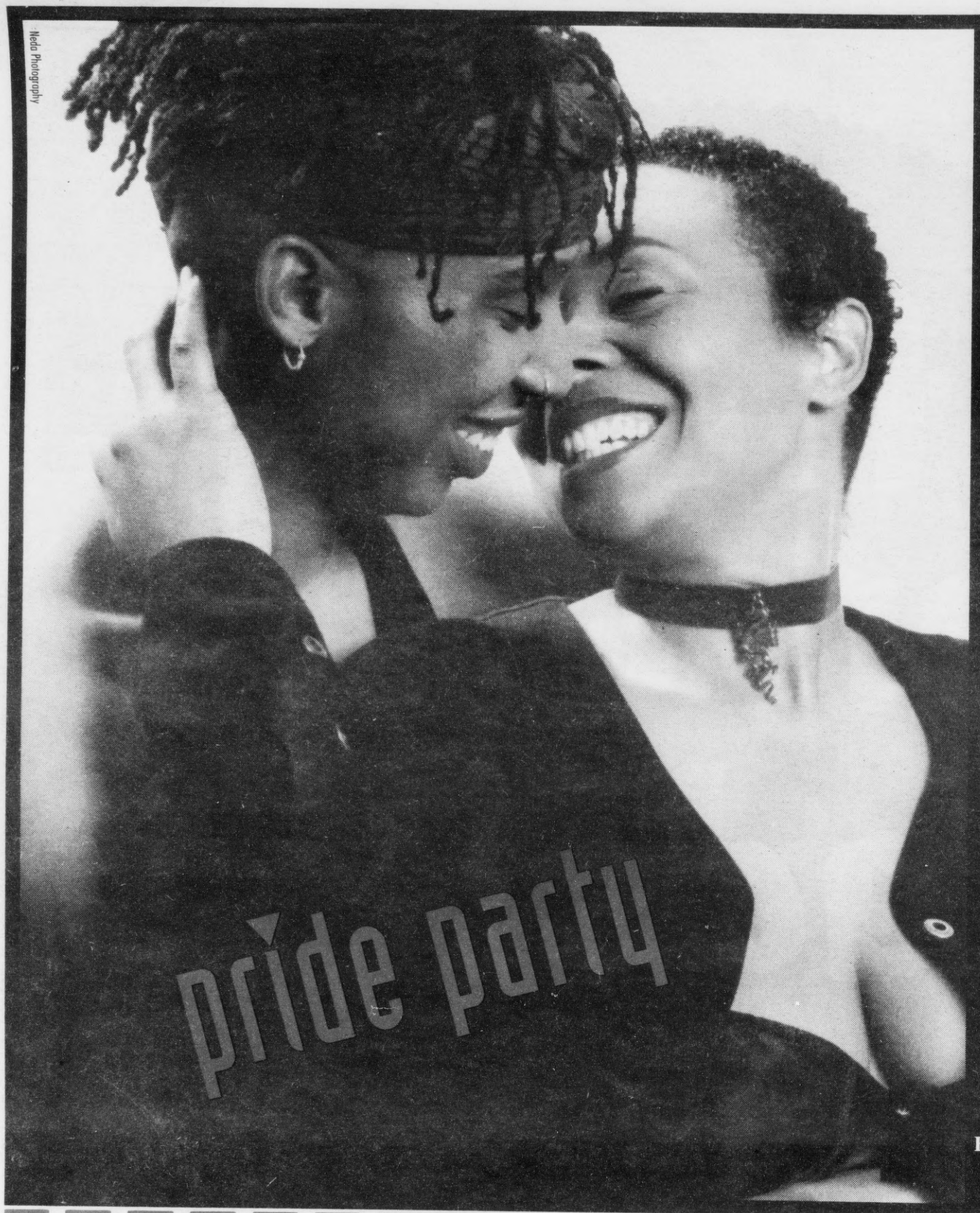

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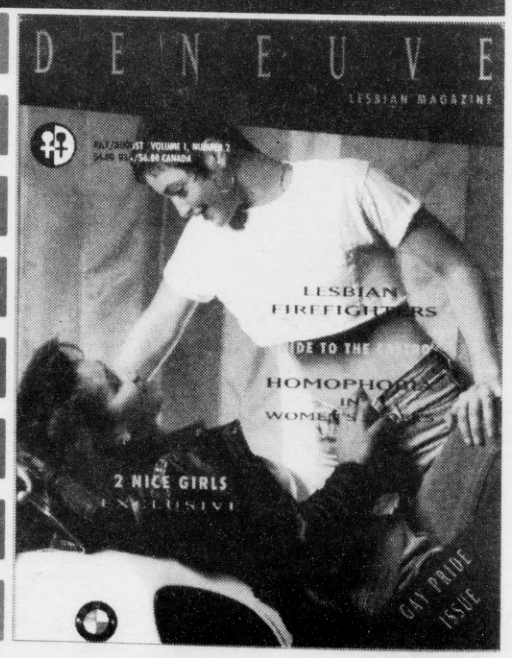

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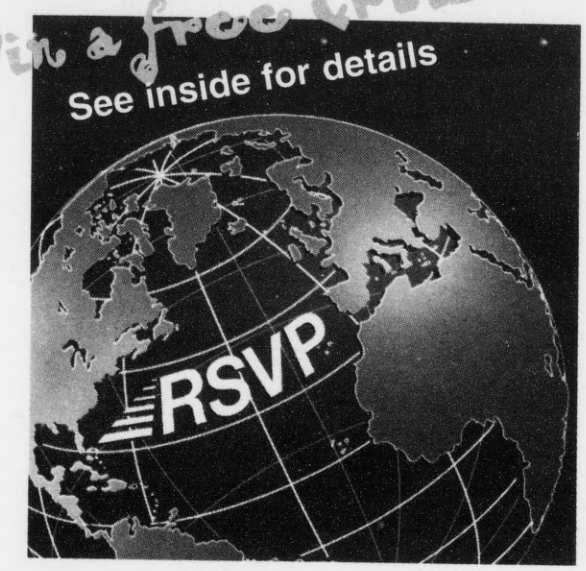

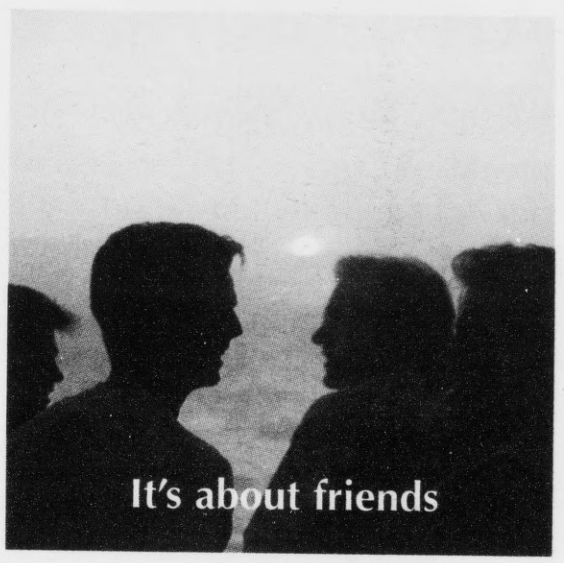

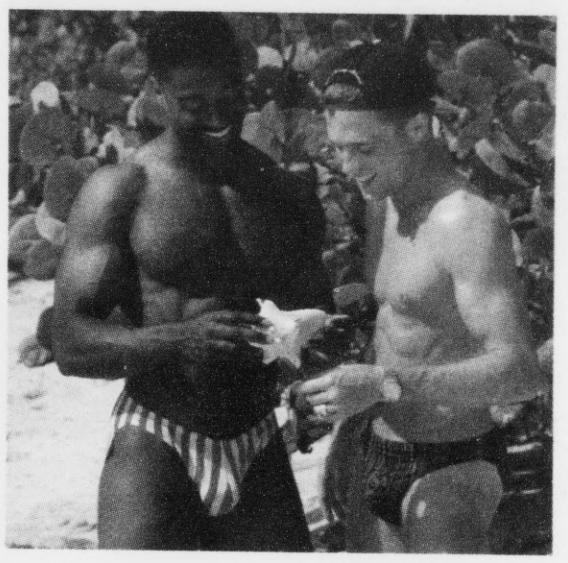

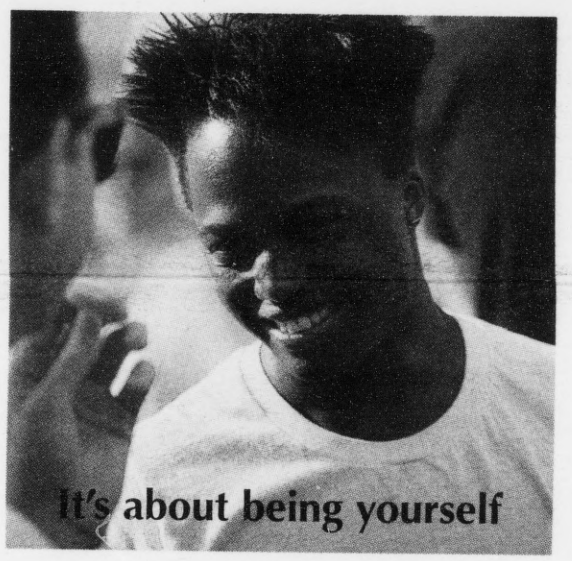

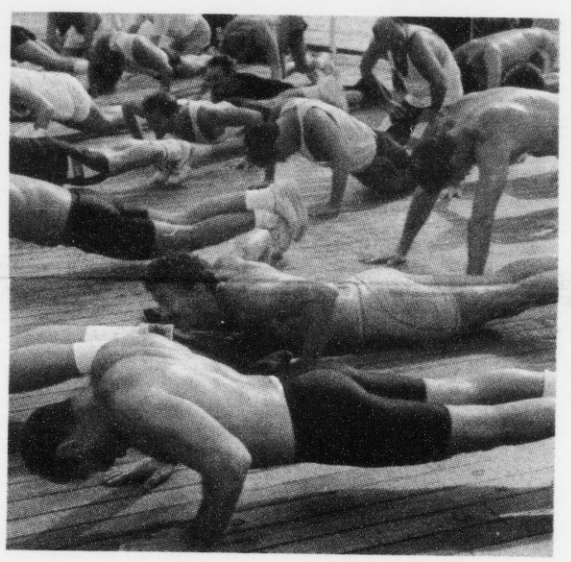

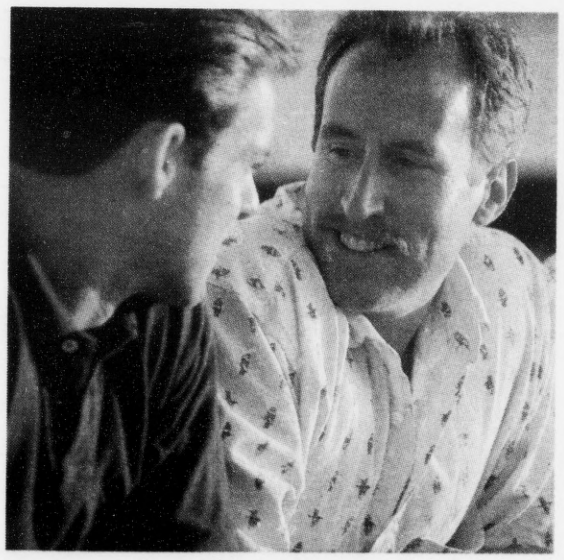

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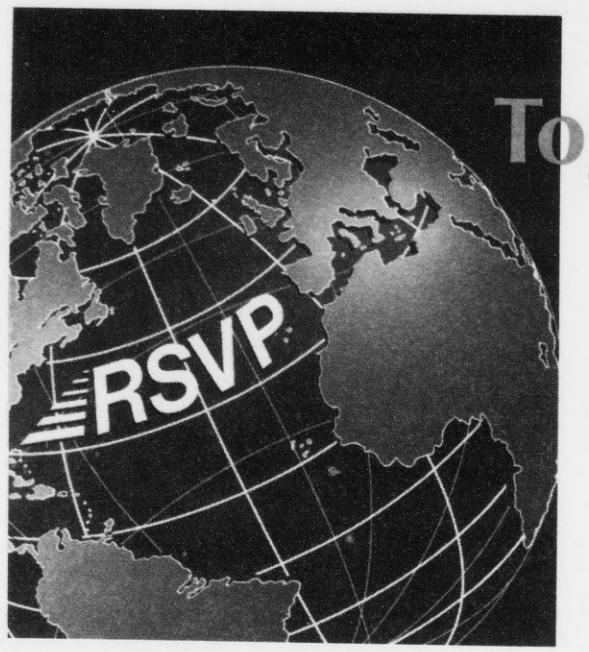

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- P.S. Travel — 214-526-8881 — 800-886-8728
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- Plaza Travel — 214-980-1191 — 800-752-1191
- Travel Friends — 800-862-8833 — 214-891-8833

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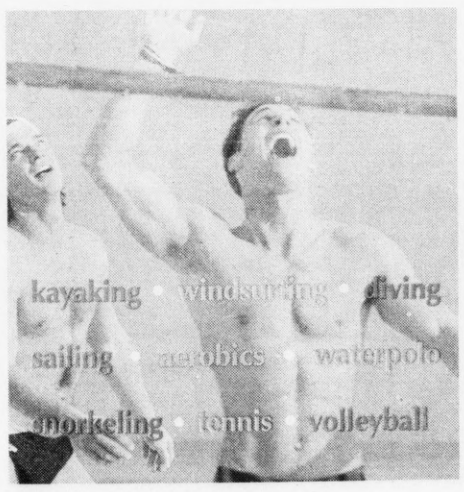
CLUB RSVP '95 & '96

PUERTO VALLARTA

November 11-18, 1995
April 14-21, 1996
November 9-16, 1996
Prices from only **$695**



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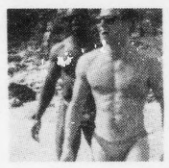

TROPICAL CARIBBEAN, February 11-18
7 day cruise from only **$795**

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February 11-25, 14 day cruise from only **$1590**

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In categories A,B,C, D and E...
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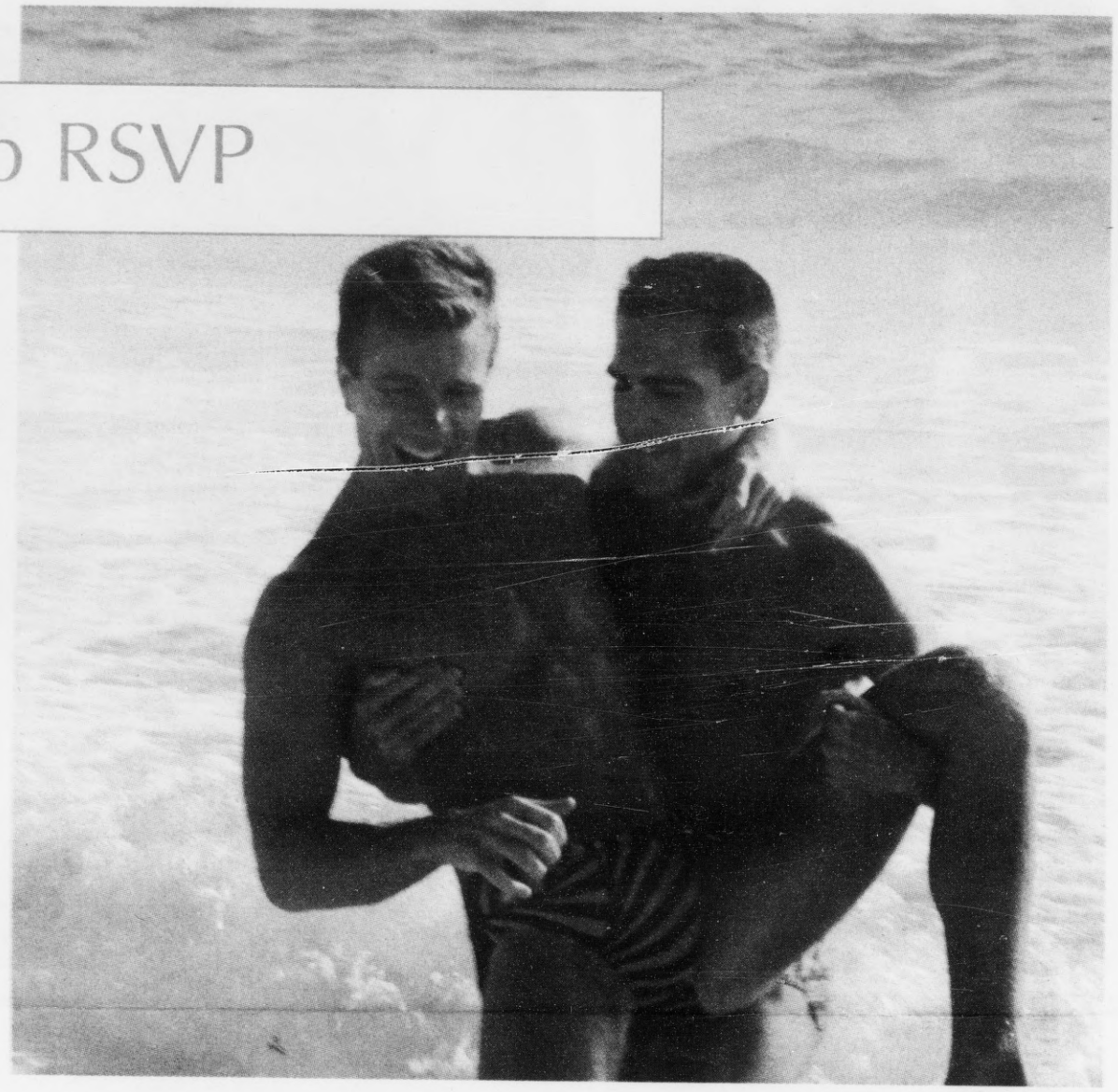
Club RSVP



November 11-18, 1995
April 14-21, 1996
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Category	Double Share	Single
Garden View Room	$695	$1100
Ocean View Room	$895	$1300
Ocean Front Room	$995	
Two-Room Suite	$1195	

Includes: Accommodations, meals, room service, mini-bar, beverages from 11:00am to1:00am, sports, activities, entertainment, taxes and gratuities.

All-Inclusive Resort

What RSVP has done on the water it now does on land with Club RSVP. When RSVP takes over this first class resort for 600 guests, you'll stay in a luxurious room complete with air conditioning, satellite color TV and telephone. Every room has a balcony terrace overlooking lush gardens or the Bay of Banderas, one of the most spectacular bays on Mexico's West Coast.

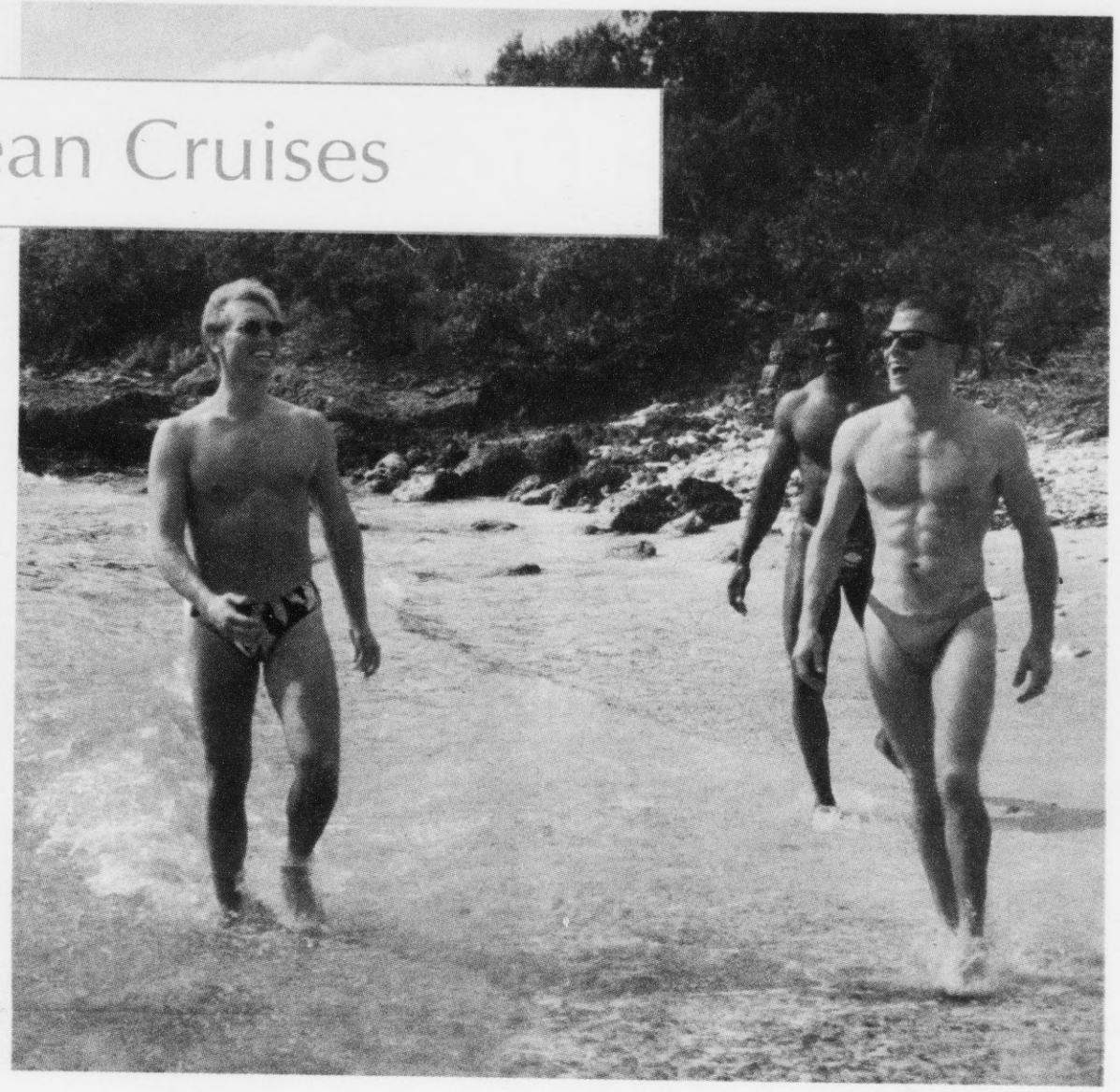
Club RSVP's secluded locale gives you ample privacy, yet its proximity to Puerto Vallarta offers excellent shopping, traditional Mexican ambiance and a lively gay nightlife. Best of all, Puerto Vallarta is easily accessible from all over North America — further enhancing the best value for your travel dollar — a Club RSVP vacation.

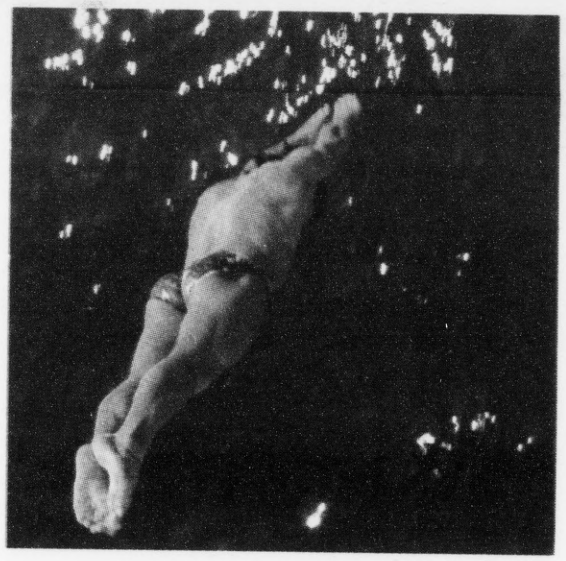
Your single Club RSVP price includes all meals — breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus room service and mini-bar. Unlimited cocktails, wine, beer, soft drinks and juices are also available from 11am to 1am in three different bars — including a swim-up bar.

All-inclusive at Club RSVP also includes non-stop fun. You can enjoy tennis, calisthenics, wet & dry aerobics and a wide assortment of water sports, including wind surfing, kayaking, scuba diving for those certified, and snorkeling all at no additional cost — all equipment and assistance included. For an extra fee you can also take in golf, horseback riding or sightseeing trips to the surrounding Sierra Madre mountains. And there's no other all-inclusive resort vacation that can offer you such a welcoming environment plus RSVP's renowned service and flair.

from $795

Caribbean Cruises





Tropical Caribbean Cruise
February 11-18, 1996
Miami to San Juan calling on St. Maarten, Martinique and Antigua*
$795 - $1950

Deep Caribbean Cruise
February 18-25, 1996
San Juan to Miami calling on Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Kitts*
$795 - $1950

14-Day Cruise combines both cruises above. $1590 - $3900

Prices per person double occupancy.
Gratuities and port taxes additional.

Choose Your Paradise

RSVP presents two 7-day cruises to get your body into the tropics this February — just when you'll need a vacation the most. RSVP's Tropical Caribbean Cruise charts a course for the enticing waters of the Caribbean Sea and some of its most breathtaking islands. Starting in Miami and ending in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for seven sun-drenched days you'll cruise through tropical seas and stop at some of the best islands the Caribbean has to offer.

RSVP's Deep Caribbean cruise ventures into the heart of the Caribbean where the sea's many charms take hold. This cruise sails from San Juan to Miami and stops at islands deep into the tropics.

Whether you choose the cruise starting or ending in Florida, you may wish to extend your vacation in Miami to explore Cherry Grove, Coral Gables and South Beach.

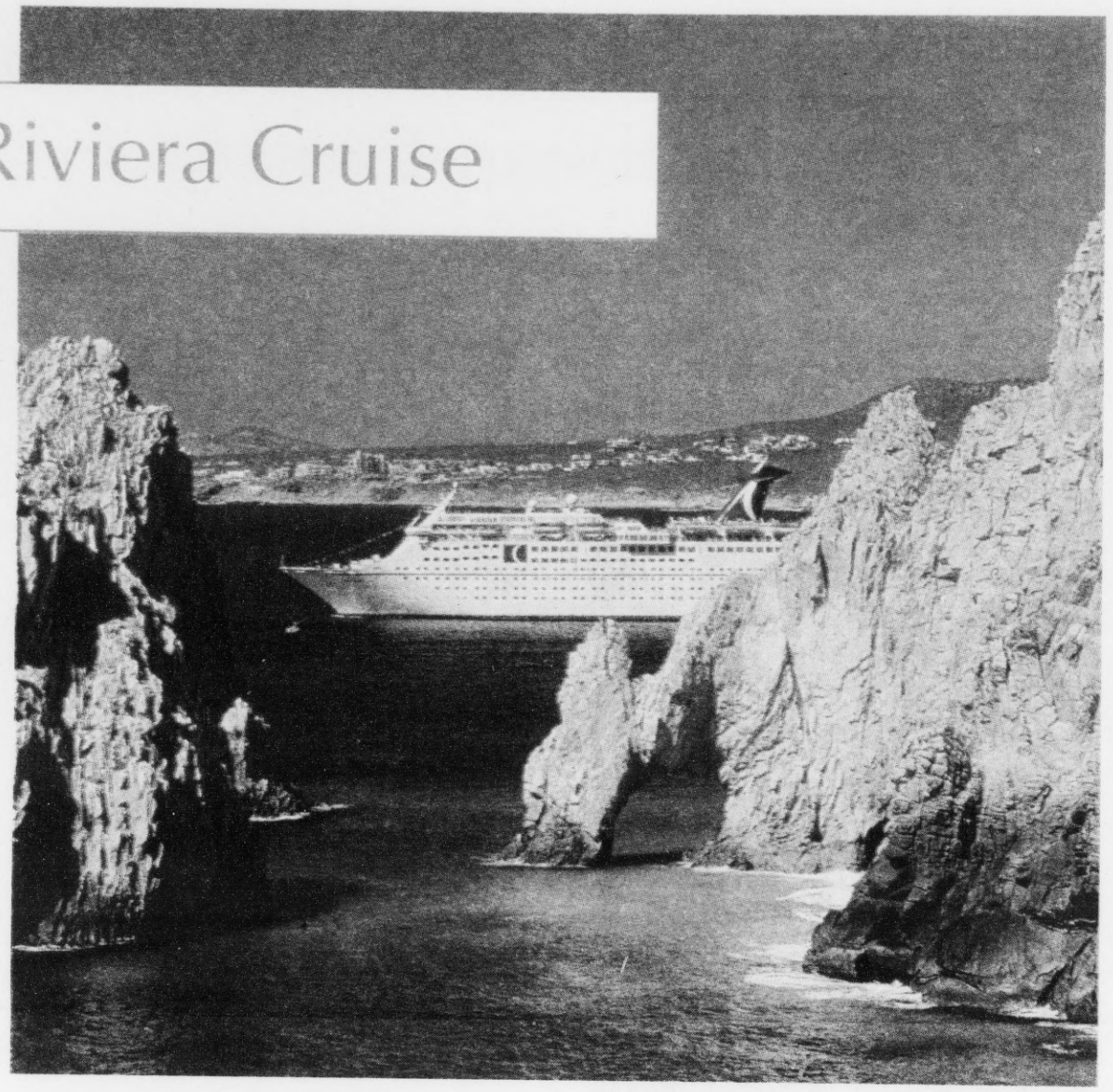
San Juan is the historic island capital of Puerto Rico. Here too you can extend your vacation to tour the beautifully restored old city or enjoy the modern casinos and abundant night life.

These two 7-day cruises can be combined for a truly fabulous 14 day cruise from Miami to Miami. Ask your travel agent for more information or for an RSVP brochure.

*RSVP will change itineraries if needed so that we may provide the best cruise vacations in the travel industry.

from $795

Mexican Riviera Cruise



Mexican Riviera Cruise
March 17-24, 1996
Los Angeles, Puerto Vallarta,
Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas*
and returning to Los Angeles
$795 - $2495
Prices per person double occupancy.
Gratuities and port taxes additional.
*Stop in Cabo, tide permitting

On the Jubilee

RSVP is again proud to present the world's largest gay and lesbian cruise vacation. You'll join over 1500 other RSVP passengers aboard the shimmering Jubilee as you set sail from Los Angeles into the sparkling blue Pacific.

First stop on the Mexican Riviera is Puerto Vallarta, a picturesque city on the Bay of Banderas where smooth sand beaches stretch out for 25 miles. Puerto Vallarta offers a tropical Mexican ambiance centered around a bustling city. Treat yourself to horseback riding, water skiing and parasailing. Explore the city's charms, or just relax on the beach.

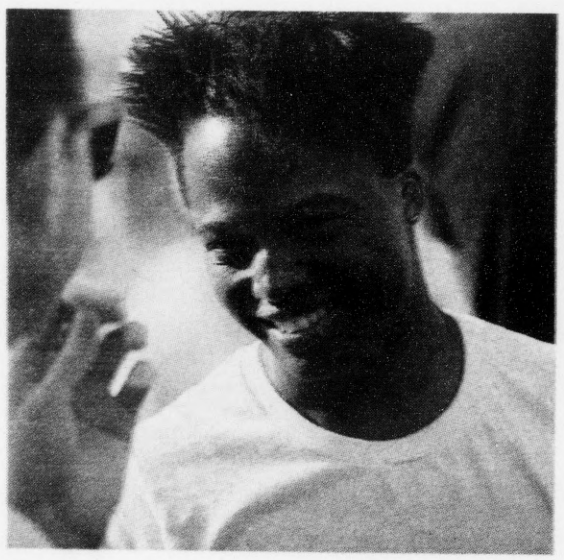
Then it's off to Mazatlan, where sun and surf are the star attractions. The final port of call is post-card perfect Cabo San Lucas, an intriguing port nestled on the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula.

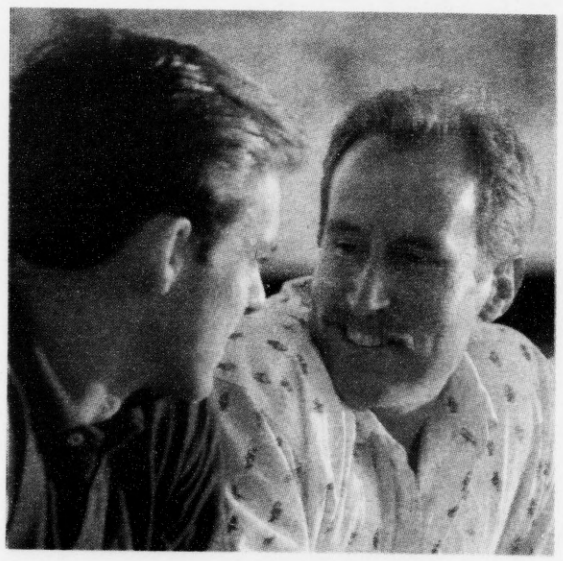
From Cabo San Lucas we'll return to the home port of Los Angeles. The fun continues on board up to the last minute, as RSVP packs in the fun and entertainment.

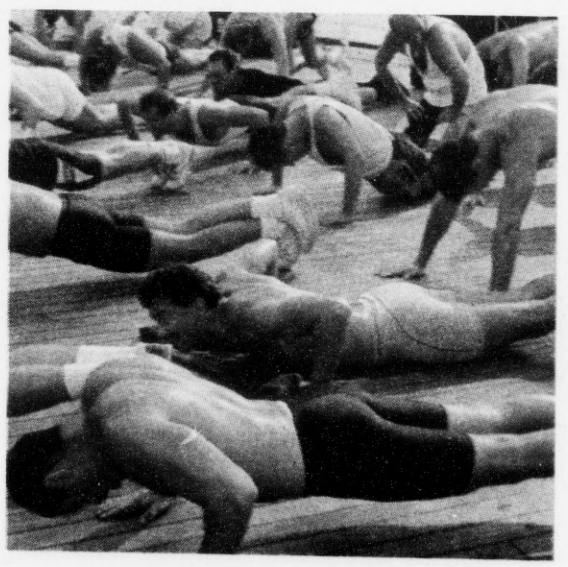
To top it all off, this Mexican Riviera vacation takes place aboard the Jubilee — 47,262 tons of luxury. Throughout the Jubilee's eight glittering passenger levels are six separate lounge/bar areas, a two-story show lounge, two dining rooms, three outdoor pools, a disco, a spa and gym, and modern spacious staterooms.

Whether you seek fun and adventure or peace and quiet, RSVP delivers. From pool games and the very best in entertainment created especially for us, to the solitude of a deserted beach, RSVP has something for everyone.

This is another one for the record books from RSVP, the leader in gay and lesbian travel. Don't miss our repeat of this historic event.

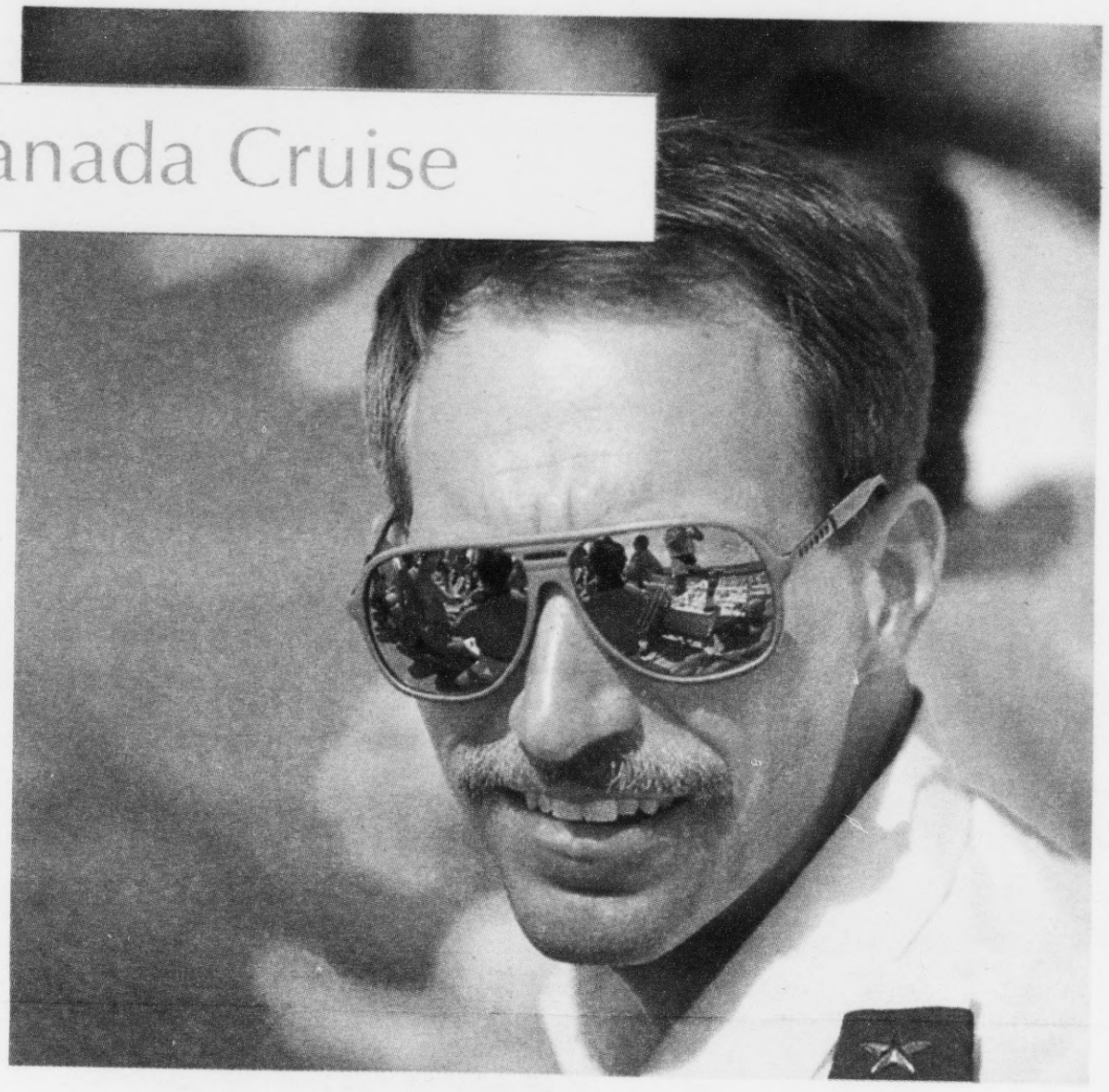






from $895

French Canada Cruise



French Canada Cruise
June 30 - July 7, 1996
New York, Provincetown, Portland,
Halifax, Saguenay Fjord, Quebec City,
Montreal
$895 - $2295

Prices per person double occupancy.
Gratuities and port taxes additional.

The summer get-away

Glittering New York to fascinating Montreal. This cruise combines sun, scenery, gay P-Town and the cultural richness of the Province of Quebec. Vive la Difference.

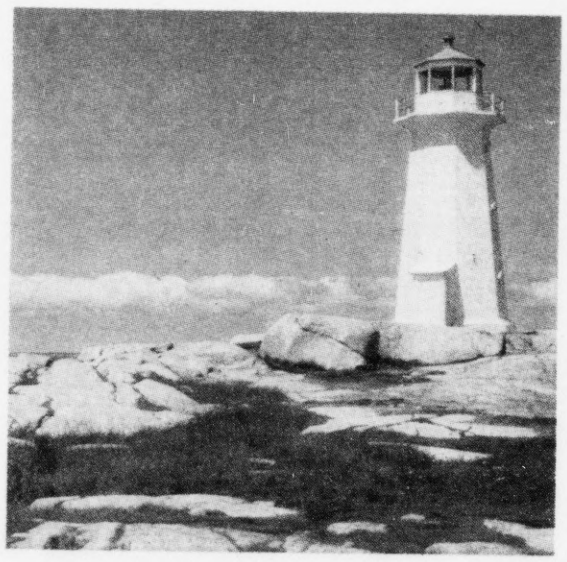
The starting point of this great vacation is the Big Apple. Come a few days early and do the town up right.

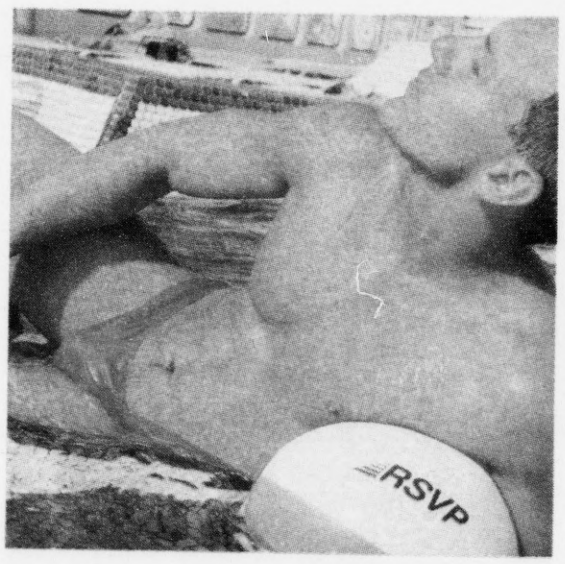
First stop — Provincetown — the great gay and lesbian mecca of the Northeast Coast. Enjoy the great beaches, shops, and of course the nightlife of P-Town.

Portland, Maine is home of one of the best discount and outlet store malls in the United States. Portland is also known for its historic homes and revitalized waterfront area.

Our first stop in Canada will be Halifax, Nova Scotia. This quaint capital city combines a wonderful Scottish flavor, with great shopping and beautiful gardens. After a day at sea we'll sail through Saguenay Fjord, home to soaring cliffs and lush green mountains, and hopefully the chance to spot whales frolicking in the water. Then it's on to Quebec City. The only walled city in North America, this great city is set high on a hill overlooking the river. Take your time to soak in the ambiance of the city, from its cobblestone streets to its wonderful 17th and 18th century architecture.

We end our cruise in Montreal, the world's largest French-speaking city outside of France. The fun never ends in Montreal. The old city, the waterfront, the museums, and the nightlife will provide you the opportunity to enjoy one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world — so extend your vacation and spend a few extra days for your best ever summer vacation.





from $1195

Eastern Med & Greece Cruise

August 11-18, 1996
Istanbul, Kusadasi, Ashdod,
Rhodes, Mykonos, Santorini,
Piraeus (Athens)
Double occ. $1195 - $2495
Single cabins available
$1595 & $1895

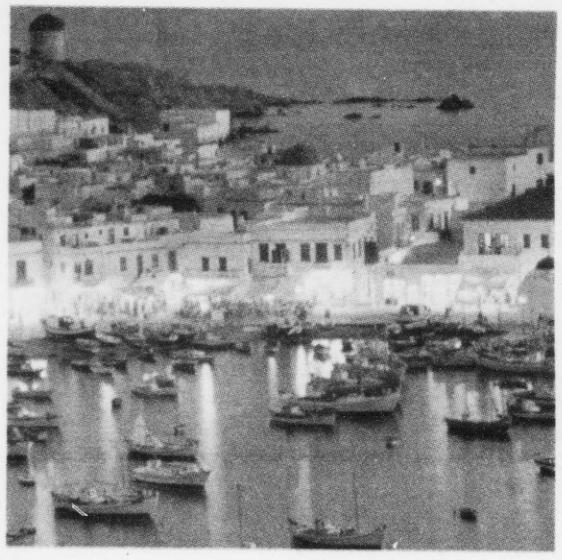
Turkey, Israel, Greece

Idyllic islands, exotic lands rich in history, and luxurious cruise travel. The cruise begins in mesmerizing Istanbul, where East meets West in a breathtaking display. Here you can visit some of the world's most magnificent architecture.

Our second Turkish port is Kusadasi with an optional excursion to Ephesus, site of some of the most impressive Roman ruins in the world.

The next stop is Ashdod, with an optional excursion to Jerusalem to see some of the holiest sites of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. The cruise also includes stops at the Greek Islands of Rhodes, Mykonos and Santorini before its final stop at Piraeus, the ancient port for Athens where you'll want to set aside some time to explore Athen's world famous Acropolis and other incomparable remnants of ancient Greece.

Prices per person.
Gratuities and port taxes additional.



Win a free Cruise!

Win a Free Tropical Caribbean Cruise for two!

ENTRY RULES: No purchase necessary. One entry per person. Complete this official entry form in its entirety and mail to:

Win a Free Cruise
RSVP Travel Productions, Inc.
2800 University Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

ELIGIBILITY: Open to persons 18 years of age or older, except employees of RSVP Travel Productions, Inc., its agencies and affiliates. Void where prohibited or restricted by law. All federal, state and local laws apply.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by mail no later than December 31, 1995.

PRIZE: Passage for two on the "Tropical Caribbean Cruise" sailing February 11-18, 1996 from Miami, Florida to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prize is cruise only. Air transportation, port taxes and gratuities not included. Prize is not redeemable for cash. Taxes are responsibility of winner. Prize is non-transferable.

DRAWING: Prize winner will be determined by random drawing on January 2, 1996 from all entries received. Odds of winning are determined by total number of entries received. Prize winner will be notified by mail or telephone.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM:
Please Print:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State or Province _____ Zip _____

Country _____

Telephone _____

Travel Survey must be completed but answers have no bearing on eligibility of winner.

TRAVEL SURVEY:

Yes	No	
❍	❍	I have vacationed with RSVP
❍	❍	I have vacationed with other all gay or lesbian tour operators Name of tour company _____
❍	❍	I have vacationed on a cruise ship
❍	❍	I have vacationed at an all-inclusive resort
❍	❍	I have traveled to Europe
❍	❍	I have traveled to Asia
❍	❍	I have traveled to Australia/New Zealand
❍	❍	I have traveled to South America
❍	❍	I have traveled to Mexico/Cen. America
❍	❍	I have traveled to the Caribbean